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## STRENUOUS BUT A HAPPY TIME.

**BOWLER'S VIEWS.**  
MEMBER OF INTERPORT TEAM GIVES IMPRESSIONS.  
WONDERFUL TREATMENT.

"A strenuous but a very happy time." Thus did one of the Hong Kong bowlers interporters sum up the visit to Shanghai to a "China Mail" man this morning.

"The hospitality of everyone with whom we came in contact in Shanghai was boundless. They did everything for us, and from ten o'clock in the morning until very late at night we had not a minute to ourselves.

"Yes, we went to the dogs, and the cabarets; we did everything there was to do. Inspector Eva, together with Messrs. Ephgrave, president of the Lawn Bowls Association, and George Gray, the famous billiard player, were in constant attendance on us. I don't think any visiting team has been so well treated as we were. My only fear is that we can never return such hospitality as we received, as Hong Kong has not the facilities.

**Fast Greens.**  
"The greens? Well, on the whole, very fast except one. It happened to rain about noon on the day of the interport match, and this suited us down to the ground. It gave just sufficient moisture to grip the ball. We played this match on the Shanghai Recreation Club's green which, although a little short, was in excellent condition and not so fast as it might have been.

"Other greens? All very good, again except one. None of us could get on with the Yangtzepoo one. The best in Shanghai is that owned by the Junior Golf Club at Hongkew Park. This, indeed, and I have played on greens in Scotland and England as well as most in this part of the Far East—is the best I have come across.

**Deserved To Win.**  
"Did we deserve to win the Cup and Flag? Well, I think we did and this is why. We worked so well together. Hollands was a magnificent skip and we all knew exactly what to do. This team—although I was a member of it—was, I think, the best that has been put up against Shanghai. None of us brilliant, but we all fit in. We all played altogether in the first trial game, and came off, so that is why I think we were selected, a better procedure than chopping and changing every now and then and unsettling the players as well as the selectors.

"I must tell you, too, about the crowds there. They gave us wonderful receptions. Every good shot got a "hand." Our best supporters were the Scots Guards, ably led in their cheering by the one and only Danny Mair. The boys shouted for Hong Kong to a man.

**Bowls Converts.**  
"There isn't much else to say, except that we made some bowls converts in Shanghai. Mr. Stirling Fessenden, the Chairman of the Municipal Council there, is one of them. He presided at a big dinner they gave us and avowed that he henceforth meant to take up bowls. I am sure we will all treasure very pleasant memories of our trip to Shanghai and the fight for the Cup and flag."

## \$181,200 ESTATE.

**CHINESE MERCHANT WHO HAD TWO "WIVES."**  
FAMILY BEQUESTS.

Probate of the \$181,200 estate of Mr. Tsang Yan-po, alias Tsang Yan-kee, deceased merchant and formerly managing partner of the Kwong Fung Wo firm, No. 80, Bonham-strand East, who was 70 years of age when he died on April 5, 1928, has been granted to Tsang Woo Shi (widow), Tsang Mak Shi (another widow) and Tsang Hing-sung (a married daughter) of No. 11, Burd-street, and Mr. Tsang Hung-sum (eldest son) of No. 60, Bonham-strand West.

In his will, deceased referred to his two "wives," which is unusual in Chinese custom which provides for one wife and other "subsidiary" wives. He mentioned that he had given \$30,000 in his lifetime to his eldest son and therefore did not give him any "regulation" share in the estate. He warns the sons against partition before their mothers die.

All bequests are to members of the family or relatives.

## WOMAN'S FIGHT TO DEATH.

**CORPSE ON PRAYA.**  
ONE SUCCUMBS IN OTHER'S ARMS AFTER 2 MINUTES.  
RICE SWEEPER ARRESTED.

Two Chinese women of the beggar class fought each other on the Praya this morning until one died while being held in the arms of the other!

According to eye-witnesses, the two women were quarrelling outside the Western Market, facing the Mongkok ferry wharf. Both made a living by the sweeping up of rice and other grain which leaked on to the Praya while cargo is being worked. Their argument began about half past eight. A quarter of an hour later, they were both outside the Tungshan Hotel, still on the Praya, near Wing Lok wharf.

Then words led to blows. One had her apron torn and the other was struck. The deceased woman was seen to be held by her opponent and then suddenly fall to the ground when the other released her hold after two minutes.

**Marks on Neck.**  
Police whistles were blown and a district watchman took the living woman into custody. Officers from the Criminal Investigation Department made inquiries and sent the corpse to the mortuary.

The woman arrested is about 30 years of age, being younger than deceased whose age is given as 39. Deceased had been a widow for six years and leaves a daughter fourteen years old. She and her daughter had only been in Hong Kong for about six months, coming from Kowloon because of privation at home.

It is alleged that there were marks on the deceased's woman's neck, which had been gripped by the younger woman, but the cause of death is now the subject of medical investigation.

## BRIBE OFFERING.

**WHAT CHINESE DO NOT REALISE.**  
WITHOUT LICENCE.

Arising from the question of offering a bribe to a constable while on duty, Sub-Inspector James at Kowloon Magistracy to-day, said he thought the person being arrested, if he or she had offered a bribe, should then be told that it was a serious offence. He (Sub-Inspector James) knew that the Chinese did not realise that it was even an offence.

A case was heard before Mr. W. Schofield in which a Chinese was charged with hawking without a licence, and also with offering a bribe to an Indian constable while being taken to the station. The policeman reported the affair to the Inspector in charge.

On the charge of hawking without a licence, defendant was fined \$5 or 7 days while, on the second charge, the sentence was \$10 or 10 days, the sentence to run concurrently.

## BAD MONEY.

**WHAT WAS FOUND DURING A RAID.**

In the course of a raid, carried out by police officers, at an unnumbered house at Saiwanho early this morning, 81 counterfeit Hong Kong 10-cent-pieces were discovered hidden in various parts of the house. A man in the house was arrested.

At the Central Magistracy this morning, the man was charged with the possession of counterfeit coins.

The defendant denied the charge, stating that he got the money from a transaction in opium. He did not know that the money was counterfeit.

After evidence had been given by a folk of the Cheung Kee money changer's shop, the defendant was sentenced to four months' hard labour, and the coins were ordered to be destroyed.

Another Chinese was sentenced to three weeks' hard labour by Major C. Wilson, for being found in possession of three counterfeit coins. It was stated that the man used the coins to buy cigarettes in return for exchange. When searched by the police, it was found that he had genuine small change in his possession.

## A FATAL CRASH AT BROOKLANDS.

**MISS WELLEY DEAD.**  
FIRST WOMAN PILOT KILLED IN BRITAIN.  
PROMISING AIR-WOMAN.

London, Yesterday.  
Miss Margaret Honor Welley crashed and was killed while flying at Brooklands.

She is the first woman pilot killed in an air-crash in Britain.

The machine developed a spin above telegraph wires and missed the railway line by a few yards. Miss Welley had held a pilot's certificate for some time and was regarded as a promising air-woman.

It will be recalled that Lady Carbery was killed at Nairobi last March while teaching a man to fly.—Reuter.

On Railway Embankment.  
A British Wireless message says that Miss Welley, after a short solo flight, crashed on the railway embankment and was instantly killed. She is the first woman pilot to be killed in England while flying alone.

## THE FASCISTS.

**GRAND COUNCIL AND THE ITALIAN CONSTITUTION.**  
IMPORTANT CHANGES.

Rome, Yesterday.  
Vital changes have been made in Italian Constitutional Government as a result of the new measure adopted by the Fascist Grand Council, defining its attributes and responsibilities. The measures lay down that the Grand Council is the supreme organ of Government, and its duty is to co-operate all the acts and activities of the Fascist regime. Its functions are deliberative. It will be the final Court of Appeal in all questions of the interpretation of the law, and will express an opinion on all questions submitted to it by the Government.

The head of the Government will be the President of the Grand Council, which will comprise the presidents of both Houses of Parliament, ministers, quadrumvirs, the under-secretaries of the Prime Minister, the Ministers of the Interior, Foreign Affairs and Corporations, the chief of the general staff of the Fascist militia, secretary and under-secretaries of the Fascist party, presidents of the syndicalist confederations of labour, agriculture, industry, and the principal co-operative societies and the secretaries of the Fascist party.

The head of the Government may invite others to join the deliberations.

**Council Prerogatives.**  
No member of the Grand Council may be arrested or subject to criminal or police proceedings unless sanctioned by the Grand Council. The Council will examine lists of deputies and discuss regulations of the Fascist party as regards the appointment and dismissal of secretaries and members of the directorate. The Council shall be consulted on all constitutional questions, namely, bills concerning the royal succession of kings, powers, composition or attributes of the Senate or Chamber, powers of the Head of the Government, relations between the State and the Catholic Church, and international treaties involving modification of national territory.

The Council may draft lists of names for submission to the Crown for the post of Head of the Government and other important state offices. The Secretary of the Fascist party may be invited to attend cabinet meetings and sittings of the Grand Council will be secret. Members will not be paid and the public treasury will not be involved in any expense in connection with the working.

The measure was adopted at a six-hour midnight meeting which broke up with cheers for Mussolini.—Reuter.

## FATAL EXPLOSION.

Shanghai, To-day.  
More than twenty persons were killed or injured and several houses were destroyed when some carts containing ammunition exploded yesterday afternoon at the north-west gate.—Reuter.

## A DISASTER IN MEXICO.

**\$5,000,000 LOSS.**  
CROPS & BUILDINGS DAMAGED FOLLOWING STORMS.  
PETROLEUM CO.'S SUFFER.

Mexico City, Yesterday.  
The "sudden flooding" of the rivers has damaged the crops and buildings, to an estimated loss of \$5,000,000, following a heavy storm between San Geronimo and Tuxpan.

The Petroleum Companies are reported to have suffered considerably.—Reuters' American Service.

## YANG SEN LEFT OUT.

**Szechuan Generals Arranging a Conference.**

Chungking, Yesterday.  
It is reported that a meeting of Generals in Szechuan province, in the far west of China Proper, has been arranged, and that General Yang Sen (who has been trying to invade Szechuan from the east) has not been invited to attend.—British Naval Wireless. (Note: Chungking is 1,400 miles up the Yangtze River.)

## LESLIE HAYNES.

**SENT TO HOUSE OF DETENTION.**  
A VAGRANT.

Singapore, Sept. 13.  
Mr. Leslie E. Haynes, who recently arrived in Singapore from China, was charged in the Fourth Police Court on Sept. 6 with vagrancy in South Bridge-road on Sept. 5.

He pleaded guilty, and said that he was trying to get into touch with some of his friends. The magistrate ordered him to be sent to the house of detention.—Straits Budget.

## STAR PILOT.

**CRASHES WHILE TESTING AEROPLANE.**  
SPECIALLY SELECTED.

London, Yesterday.  
Squadron Leader Noakes, who is the Royal Air Force officer chosen to make an attempt on the world's air endurance record, was injured at Martlesham Heath, Suffolk, to-day when the aeroplane which he was testing crashed. It is reported that his injuries are not serious.

Noakes, who is well-known as the inventor of the so-called "crazy flying" was in charge of the largest monoplanes in the world at the recent Royal Air Force display at Hendon and he is one of the oldest and most experienced pilots in the service.—British Wireless Service.

## ENGLAND TO CAPE.

**KING'S CUP WINNER, MAKING AN ATTEMPT.**  
GOOD PROGRESS.

London, Yesterday.  
The first news of the progress of the attempted flight of Captain Hope, winner of the King's Cup, is as follows:

## OUR PICTURES.

In addition to usual special features to-morrow's "China Mail" will contain a further series of pictures of local interest, including the Murphy-Colbert wedding (bridal pair and group), the Dockyard Children's sports, the Blind School girls' outing, more Lungchow views, Royal Artillery and Royal Engineers Headquarters groups, etc.

Pictures by Dr. A. Cannon, Fujiyama, readers and Chinese photographers.

From England to the Cape via Kenya, is contained in a message from Cairo announcing his arrival at Helopolis and his departure in the morning for Haifa.

Capt. Hope, who left Stag Lane aerodrome on September 11, and flew to Cairo via Frankfurt, Budapest, Bukharest and Constantinople.—Reuter.

## TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 1/11 15/16.

## CHIANG KAI-SHEK HELD UP.

**HIS WIFE TOO.**  
TYPHOON MAROONS THEM IN SMALL TOWN.  
VISIT TO PARENTS.

Shanghai, Sept. 17.  
More than 100 Chinese were drowned and eight small craft capsized in Hangchow bay southward from Shanghai yesterday on a typhoon which has been lashing the China coast the last two days.

The storm caused a general disruption of the schedule of various ocean liners.

General Chiang Kai-shek and his wife, the former Miss Mel-ling Soong, have been marooned for two days in the small town of Shao-shing, located to the south of Hangchow in Chekiang province.

General Chiang and his wife visited his home village, Fenghu, in Chekiang province, a week ago, expecting to remain two days. But when they attempted to return by steamer via Ningpo, they were cut off by the typhoon which has been raging continuously along the China coast for forty-eight hours.

Since Chiang's presence is urgently required at Nanking he and his wife attempted to return overland via Hangchow, but when they reached Shao-shing they were again cut off by a tidal wave from Hong Kong Bay, causing serious loss of life, and damage to Chinese fishing steamers.

## STILL LEADING.

**HONG KONG YACHTSMEN AT SHANGHAI.**  
LOCALS DO BETTER.

Shanghai, Sept. 16.  
The visitors from the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club being just as anxious as the members of the Shanghai Yacht Club for some competitive sailing, the Commodore yesterday made hasty arrangements to sail the second half of the first race, although the prevailing conditions were none too safe, without considering the unpleasantness. Indeed, the other members of the Hong Kong team agreed afterwards with Mr. Tracy's expression of opinion that the Commodore could not have paid the visitors a greater compliment than to allow them to sail in the conditions that were encountered, nor could they have paid themselves a greater compliment than they did by bringing back in safety the boats entrusted to them.

The two groups of boats this time were changed over and the teams went out as follows:—

Hong Kong.—Mr. Shields (Gnome), Mr. Tracy (Sprite), Lieut.-Col. Gunn (Spook), Capt. Le Gros (Plex).

Shanghai.—The Commodore (Kut Lee), Mr. W. C. Woodfield (Hobgoblin), Mr. J. Neil (Banshee), Mr. W. D. Neil (Spectre).

The course set was from the headquarters line off the Bund, up-river, taking a buoy off the Kiangnan Dock to starboard, and back, a total distance of about six miles. The boats went out with a reef and needed it, for the wind was very gusty, and, as is usual in the tail-end of a typhoon, came from all quarters of the compass. In addition, the water was very lumpy against the wind and every man was drenched to the skin. The Spectre had slightly the best of a fairly good start, but the Spook of the Shanghai side and the Gnome on the Pootung side were slow in getting away. From the first naval buoy, the Hobgoblin went up with a rush and soon got on terms with the Spectre.

## A Second Race.

Down the naval line the wind frequently fell away, enabling the boats in the rear to draw up and for a time there was very little in it, save for the two leaders, who were well ahead. From being dead astern, the wind veered to the beam and again the boats strung out, the Gnome then becoming prominent and working her way through the Spectre, and Kut Lee close together, with the Spook and Plex well behind, the Plex handicapped by being double-reefed, owing to a misunderstanding.

In the long and very wet beat back, the Spectre overhauled the Hobgoblin and finished first, whilst

## GRUESOME FIND ON FARM.

**BOY'S REMAINS.**  
MAN CHARGED WITH FOUR MURDERS.  
YOUTHFUL VICTIMS.

Los Angeles, Sept. 15.  
A gruesome series of murders was revealed here to-day with the arrest of Cyrus George Northcutt by Canadian authorities on suspicion of murder. The prisoner, together with his wife, and their son, Stewart, will be returned to California for trial.

Upon the declarations of Sanford Clark, a 15-year-old Canadian boy, that four youths had been killed and buried on the Northcutt farm near Riverside, east of Los Angeles, a sheriff's party dug up a chicken run on the farm and found a boy's hand, clothing and a boy scout hat buried in quick lime.

Degenerate.  
Clark asserted that Northcutt is a degenerate who kidnapped, tortured and finally killed his victims. He said that the four youths were slain with an axe after being tied to a bed and tortured.

According to Clark, Northcutt's victims were Walker Collins, 12, who has been missing since spring; Louis Winslow, 12, and Nelson Winslow, 12, brothers, who have been missing from their home at Pomona, Calif., since May 12, and an unidentified Mexican boy. Clark has identified the photographs of Collins and the two Winslow boys.

Clark's story has been substantiated to such an extent that the authorities have decided to dig up every foot of the Northcutt farm, thinking that perhaps even more than four boys were killed.—Associated Press.

## SAFETY.

**UNOFFICIAL GROUP'S CO-BLINE TO DEFEAT GOVERNMENT.**  
COASTAL TRADE.

Simla, Yesterday.  
The unofficial groups of the Legislative Assembly combined to defeat the Government and European Group on the Bill introduced by the opposition proposing to reserve the Indian coastal trade to Indian-owned shipping.

The opposition suggested by 71 votes to 46 in getting the bill referred to a Select Committee of 23 members with instructions to report at next Session.

At present Lord Inchcape's interests enjoy a virtual monopoly of the coastal trade.

The bill provides that by the end of five years the trade shall be reserved to tonnage in which the controlling interest is vested in British-Indian subjects. Its fate is regarded as of extreme importance as the Indians argue that its passage will establish the right of the Indian Legislature to adopt any methods it may desire to foster Indian industries.—Reuter.

[An earlier telegram from Simla stated:—

The Select Committee considering the Public Safety Bill has limited the life of the bill to five years and exempted from its scope Europeans and British subjects who have lived in India for five years, and who have a stake in the country or are engaged in business. The bill will not affect those who are merely associated with the Bolshevik movement. The aggrieved may appeal against his removal before a tribunal of three at a sessions of judges and the High Court. The amended bill is likely to be accepted.]

The Banshee kept third position, so Shanghai secured the first three places. They should have had the fourth also and so levelled the scores with Hong Kong, for the Commodore had worked the Kut Lee into fourth, but by that time it was dark and there was a driving rain, and he made an excusable mistake as to the line, which enabled the Sprite and the Gnome to get fourth and fifth respectively. The Spook followed the Kut Lee and the Plex was last. Thus Hong Kong secured a lead on the first race by 88 points to 84.

An endeavour will be made to sail a second race early this afternoon, starting off Yangtzepoo on a course down-river and if this is not possible, another Harbour race will be called at 4.30 p.m.—N.C. Daily News.

## TROOPING SEASON DETAILS.

**LOCAL MOVES.**  
2ND. WILTSHIRES COMING HERE FROM INDIA.  
BATTALIONS FOR SHANGHAI.

The appearance of Southampton shows that another trooping season has commenced. The first vessel to leave was the "Nevasa," which sailed on August 22, with drafts for Gibraltar and Egypt and drafts and furlough men for India. She will take the Gloucester Regiment from India to Egypt and the South Wales Borderers from Aden to Egypt, and will reach Southampton again on October 10.

The "Neuralia" was to begin her first voyage on September 14, to proceed to Port Said, Suez, and Karachi, returning to Southampton on November 2. She will take drafts to India and bring home details.

## ROYAL SCOTS FOR TIENTSIN.

The 1st South Wales Borderers were due to sail from Southampton on the "Dorsetshire" on September 18. They will proceed to Egypt, and she will take the 2nd Battalion Royal Scots, with families, to Tientsin, the 1st East Yorkshire Regiment from Tientsin to India, the 2nd Lincolnshire Regiment from India to Sudan, and the 1st King's Regiment from Sudan to Egypt. She is listed to complete her voyage which includes calls at Port Said, Suez, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Chintawant, Bombay, etc., on December 20.

## NORFOLKS AND STAFFORDS.

The 1st Battalion Gloucestershire Regiment will proceed to Egypt by the Somersetshire, leaving Southampton on September 28, and that vessel will transport the 1st Norfolk from Egypt to Shanghai. She will also take the 2nd Battalion Welch Regiment from Shanghai to Singapore and the 2nd Duke of Wellington's Regiment from Singapore to India. She will bring home the 2nd Battalion Gloucestershire Regiment from India, and is due at Southampton on December 26.

The City of Marseilles, leaving on October 9, will take the 10th Hussars to Egypt and the 15th/10th Hussars from Egypt to India, while the 5th Inniskillings will embark at Bombay on November 5 for home.

The "Nevasa's" second voyage, beginning at Southampton on October 20, will be concerned mainly with R.A.F. drafts and details to and from Iraq, Egypt, Malta, and India.

The 2nd South Staffordshires are to sail for Shanghai in the "Neuralia" on November 13, and the 2nd Suffolk will be taken from Shanghai to India; while the "City of Marseilles," leaving on December 6, with drafts, etc., will transport the 1st Somerset Light Infantry from Egypt to Hong Kong and bring the 2nd Scots Guards from Shanghai to England.

## WILTSHIRES FOR HONG KONG.

The "Nevasa" will make a trip to Mediterranean stations and Karachi on December 27, chiefly with drafts and details, and the Somersetshires, leaving on January 5, will take the 2nd Wiltshire Regiment from India to Hong Kong and the 1st Queen's Regiment from Hong Kong to India. Homewards, she will transport the 1st Lancashire Fusiliers from Egypt to Sudan and bring home the 1st South Staffordshire Regiment from Sudan.

The 2nd Black Watch will sail from Southampton in the Dorsetshire on January 8 for Egypt (temporarily), and will afterwards move to Gibraltar. By the same vessel the 1st South Wales Borderers will go from Egypt to Shanghai and the 1st Northamptonshires will travel from Shanghai to Egypt; also she will bring home the 2nd East Surrey Regiment from Gibraltar.

The 1st Welsh Guards are to sail from Southampton on February 16 in the "Neuralia" for Egypt, from whence the vessel will take the 1st Gloucestershire Regiment to Tientsin. She will also transfer the 1st Bedfordshire & Hertfordshire to India, the 2nd West Yorks from India to Aden, and the 2nd South Wales Borderers from Aden to England.

By the "Nevasa," leaving on February 23, the 25th Field Brigade, R.A., will proceed to India, and the 26th Brigade will be brought home, while the "City of Marseilles," sailing in March, will take drafts to Egypt and India and bring home various details from India.



### APPROXIMATE RETAIL PRICES.

## Poultry.

		July, 20, June, June,		
		1928. 1918. 1914		
		Cts.	Cts.	Cts.
Chicken .....	lb.	45	80	81
Green, Small		10	22	22

Capon, Siam	暹羅雞	每	40	28	50
Capon, Large	大肥雞	每	50	28	50
Duck	鴨	每	34	23	21
Doves	鴿	每	30	22	21
Eggs, Hen (cooking)	煮食雞蛋	每打	18	—	—
Eggs, Hen (fresh)	新鮮雞蛋	每打	35	25	20
Fowls, Canton	本地雞	每	46	34	24
Fowls, Hainan	海南雞	每	45	30	24
Geese	鵞	每	40	24	24
Pigeons, Canton	鴿	每	40	20	—
"          "          "	海口鴿	每	45	28	—
Turkeys, Cock	火雞公	每	55	—	—
Turkeys, Hen	火雞母	每	55	51	45
Snipe	沙鴉	每	—	—	—
pheasant	山雞	每	—	—	—

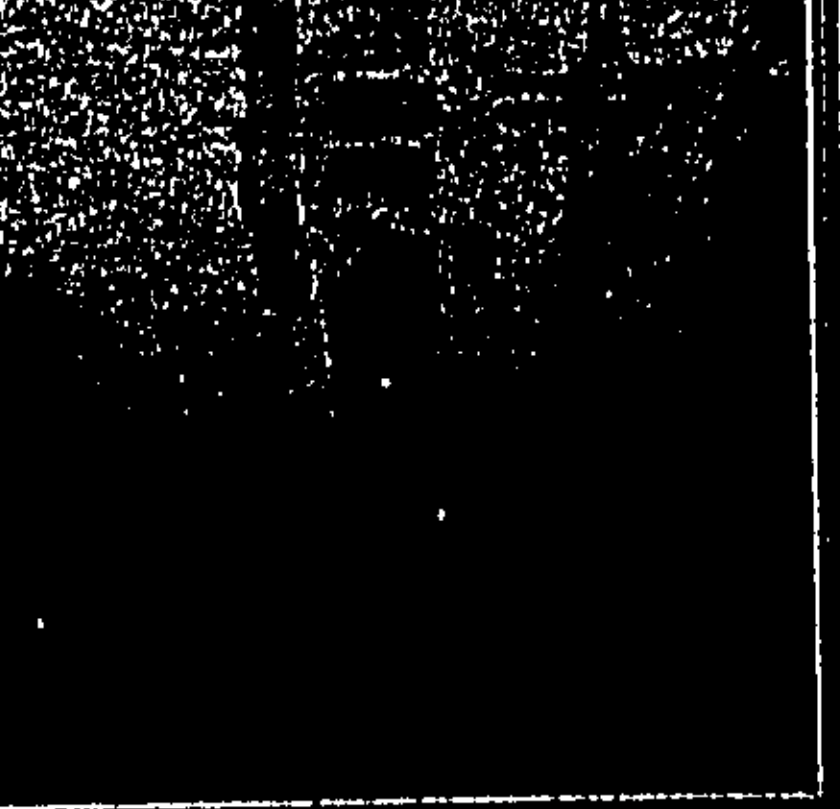
Fruits.				
Almonds	杏仁	lb.	70	35
Apples (California)	金山苹果	"	24	24
Bananas (bride's)	金山香蕉	"	5	4
Carambola	星果	"	—	12
Cocoanuts	椰子	each	14	10
Cocosas	椰子	lb.	10	25
Lemons, China	金山檸檬	each	7	8
Lemons (America)	金山檸檬	lb.	60	25
Liches, Dried	荔枝干	"	24	—
Oranges (Canton)	新嘉坡橙	"	29	—
Oranges	新嘉坡橙	"	29	—
Pears (Canton)	新嘉坡梨	"	14	10
Peanuts	花生	"	—	12
Persimmons, Large	大柿	"	—	12
Plantain	香蕉	"	4	8
Pumelo, Siam	暹羅佛手	each	12	12
Walnuts	胡桃	lb.	16	—
Grapes	葡萄	"	—	—

### Vegetables, &c.

Artichokes .....	莖 菜	竹 筴	each	—	—
Beans, Sprout .....	芽 豆	菜 角	lb.	4	—
" Long .....	芽 豆	菜 角	"	8	8
Beet Root .....	紅 甜 菜	筴 筴	"	12	—
Bitter Squash .....	苦 瓜	瓜 瓜	"	—	24
Brinjals, Green .....	青 茄	瓜 瓜	"	8	5
" Red .....	紅 茄	瓜 瓜	"	8	5
Cabbage, Chinese .....	紅 頭 菜	菜 菜	"	25	—
" (Shanghai) .....	上海 菜	菜 菜	"	—	12
Cane Shoots, bunch .....	蔗 苗	菜 菜	"	—	—
Cauliflower (Large) .....	大 花 菜	菜 菜	each	—	—
" (Medium) .....	中 花 菜	菜 菜	"	—	—
" (Small) .....	小 花 菜	菜 菜	"	—	—
Carrots .....	紅 甜 菜	菜 菜	lb.	6	6
Celery, Chinese .....	金 邊 菜	菜 菜	"	—	10
Chillies, Dried .....	乾 紅 椒	菜 菜	"	25	25
" Red .....	紅 乾 椒	菜 菜	"	12	10
" Green .....	綠 乾 椒	菜 菜	"	8	8
Curry Stuff, English .....	英 國 香 料	菜 菜	"	8	8
Cucumbers .....	黃 瓜	菜 菜	"	6	2
Garlic .....	蒜 頭	菜 菜	"	10	6
Ginger, Young .....	嫩 薑	菜 菜	"	8	7

"	Old	子 老	"	5	10
"	"	"	"	—	8
"	Horseradish, Shanghai.	"	"	7	45
"	Indian Corn	粟	米	6	1
"	Lettuce	鹹 生	菜	8	—
"	Water Chestnuts	鹹 馬	蹄	10	—
"	" Mandarin	桂 林	馬	48	—
"	Mushrooms, Fresh	鮮 草	菇	55	1
"	Okrae	"	"	7	8
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**F. HAYLEY BELL**, Commissioner of Chinese Customs, Kowloon and District, York Building, Hong Kong, 20th Sept., 1928.

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## THE VOLUNTEERS.

### CORPS ORDERS ISSUED FOR THIS WEEK.

#### PARADE ATTENDANCES.

Orders for the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, for the week, issued to-day by Lt.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., Commandant, are as follows:—

Os.C. all units are reminded that they must submit a nominal roll of all ranks who attend any parade, Corps parade or otherwise, to these Headquarters on the same evening as the parade occurs in addition to entering up attendances in their own books. The required roll of attendances can be posted in the correspondence box.

#### SPORTS COMMITTEE.

A meeting will be held at Volunteer Headquarters at 6 p.m. on Monday, October 1, 1928.

#### SPORTS ENTRIES.

Company Commanders are reminded that Collective Entries for the Sports must reach Lieut. Mackenzie before noon on Saturday, September 29, 1928.

#### MUSKETRY.

The Machine Gun Company will fire Part II. Table "T" at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, September 23, 1928.

Range Officer: Lieut. A. H. Penn. Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress: Musketry Order i.e., rifle, belt, bayonet, braces and pouches. Uniform or muffi optional.

Arms will be drawn from Corps Headquarters on Friday, September 21, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m., and on Saturday, September 22, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

#### CORPS BAND.

The Band will parade at full strength on Tuesday, September 25 and Friday, September 28, at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m.

#### THE BATTERY.

Friday, September 21. Parade will be held at Corps Headquarters at 5.25 p.m. Layers Class No. 1 Gun.

Gun Drill on No. 2 Gun. Signal Section under Sergt. Jack.

#### ENGINEER CO.

There will be a pool shoot in the Miniature Range on Wednesday, September 26 at 5.30 p.m. Uniform, Muffi.

The Peak Range is available on Sunday, October 21, members are requested to keep this date open for a Spoon Shoot.

#### CORPS SIGNALS.

Monday, September 24, 1928. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. Dress: Muffi.

#### MOUNTED INFANTRY CO.

Friday, September 21. Parade at Corp Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for instruction on M.G. Sergt. Watson's Section only.

Tuesday, September 25. Parade at Stables at 5.45 p.m. for Riding School.

#### ARMOURD CAR CO.

Car Section. Fridays, September 21 and 28, 1928. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for run around the Island in the Armoured Car.

Monday, September 24. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for Machine Gun Instruction. Dress: Muffi.

#### MOTOR CYCLE SECTION.

Monday, September 24 and Friday, September 28. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for M.G. Instruction. Dress: Muffi.

#### MACHINE GUN CO.

The Company will parade at full strength on Tuesday, September 25, at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. Dress: Muffi.

Instructors Class, under Captain E. J. R. Mitchell.

No. 1 Platoon, Aiming and Holding, under Sergt. A. H. Hayward.

No. 2 Platoon, E. and F. Sub-sections will proceed to Kennedy-road with two service guns under Lieut. J. Norris Owen. G. and H. Sub-sections. Arms Drill and Machine Gun Training under sub-section commanders. Dress: Belt and sidearms.

Recruits will parade at same time and place with belt and sidearms, under Sergt. V. C. Branson, M. C. on following dates:—Friday, Sept. 21. Tuesday, Sept. 25, and Friday, Sept. 28.

Musketry.—The attention of all ranks is drawn to this Corps Order para. No. 4 regarding Part II to be held by the Company on Sunday, September 23. Range Officer: Lieut. A. H. Penn.

#### SCOTTISH CO.

Special attention is drawn to alteration of "parade" night, from Thursday to Wednesday applying to next week only.

Wednesday, September 26, at 5.30 p.m. Nos. 6 and 7 Platoons will parade at Volunteer Headquarters and No. 6 Platoon parade at Kowloon Dock for instruction in Vickers Gun. Dress: Muffi.

Musketry Part II. Sunday, Sept. 30, at Stonecutters Range. Details later. Range Officer: Captain K. S. Morrison.

Tattoo Guard will parade as detailed by 2/Lieut. H. B. Forsyth.

## Pipes and Drums.

Pipe Band will parade at Corps Headquarters for practice on Wednesday, October 3, at 6 p.m. and each succeeding Wednesday.

Hallowe'en. Lists of Guests should be sent in to Corporal T. P. Sanderson as early as possible vide notice already circulated.

Corps Sports. Intending participants are reminded to send in their entries together with fees to Corporal D. J. Lyon c/o Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Co., Ltd.

#### PORTUGUESE CO.

Guard of Honour. Practised Parade. The Company will parade at Corps Headquarters on Monday, September 24 and Friday, September 28, at 5.30 p.m. Dress: Optional. Belt and sidearms.

Talkoo Rifle Range. The Talkoo Rifle Range has been engaged for the Company Rifle Club on Sunday, September 23. Firing will commence at 2 p.m. sharp.

Peak Range. The Peak Range has been allotted to the Company on Sunday, September 30.

Firing will commence at 9 a.m. sharp. This opportunity should be taken advantage of, in view of firing Part II Musketry shortly.

Recruits. All Recruits who have not yet fired Part I Musketry will parade at Miniature Range for Musketry on Friday, September 28, at 5.30 p.m. Dress: Optional. Belt and Rifle.

#### STRENGTH.

The following recruits are taken on the strength and posted as under:

No. 1382 Signaller J. A. H. Plummer, Corps Signals, from 13. 9. 28.

No. 1383 Bandsman R. A. Campos, Corps Band, from 14. 9. 28.

No. 1384 Bandsman U. B. Souza, Corps Band, from 14. 9. 28.

No. 1385 Pte. M. A. Oliveira, No. 9 Platoon, from 14. 9. 28.

No. 1386 Pte. G. A. L. Plummer, No. 1 Platoon, from 18. 9. 28.

No. 1387 Pte. F. D. Angus, No. 2 Platoon, from 18. 9. 28.

No. 1388 Pte. J. D. K. Murphy, No. 2 Platoon, from 18. 9. 28.

#### LEAVE.

The undermentioned having returned from leave, rejoined for duty:—

No. 495 Corp. A. C. I. Bowker, No. 1 Platoon on 31. 8. 28.

No. 767 Pte. S. H. Clark, M. C. No. 1 Platoon on 15. 9. 28.

No. 1057 L/Cpl. T. Southam, Car Section leave to be extended from 1. 10. 28 to 31. 3. 29.

#### MARKSMEN.

The undermentioned have qualified as Marksmen and are entitled to wear the badge for one year:—

No. 1300 Pte. R. J. D. C. Grieve, M. I. Company 95 points.

No. 383 Sgt. M. M. Watson, M. I. Company 94 points.

#### STRUCK OFF.

Having left the Colony, as from 14. 9. 28.

No. 693 Pte. P. M. Stewart, No. 5 Platoon.

No. 634 Pte. A. H. Maxwell, No. 5 Platoon.

No. 1825 Pte. A. F. da Silva, No. 9 Platoon.

Having completed three years' service and claimed his discharge, as from 17. 8. 28.

No. 986 Pte. D. Forbes, No. 1 Platoon.

#### NOTICES.

1. Promenade Concert.—Promenade Concert will be held on Volunteer Parade Ground on Friday, September 21, 1928 at 9.15 p.m. when, by kind permission of Lieut.-Colonel H. C. Pensonby, D.S.O., M.C., and Officers, the Band of 1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment will play. Admission 1.00 each, and all other arrangements as before.

2. Soldiers' Club Billiard Tournament 1928.—Result of Semi-final Round: Portuguese Coy. H.K.V.D.C. beat Small Units—1463/1418 points. Final: R. E. and R. C. of Sigs. meet Portuguese Coy. H.K.V.D.C. Date to be notified later.

Dress for Volunteer Team: Black boots, slacks, tunic, khaki shirt, belt and cap. Others optional.

#### A COLLISION.

#### CRASH LAST NIGHT AT THE MONUMENT.

#### MAN TAKEN TO HOSPITAL.

Revenue Officer Pierce was slightly cut on the right knee and Mr. F. M. el Arculli, a well-known member of the Indian Recreation Club, was badly hurt in the right arm as the result of a motor crash at 6.30 yesterday evening.

Mr. Arculli was removed to the French Hospital for medical attention.

The injured men were riding on motor cycle No. 148 when it collided with public car No. 170 near the Monument at Happy Valley.

Dr. Stuart Taylor and Dr. Bunge, who happened near the spot rendered medical attention.

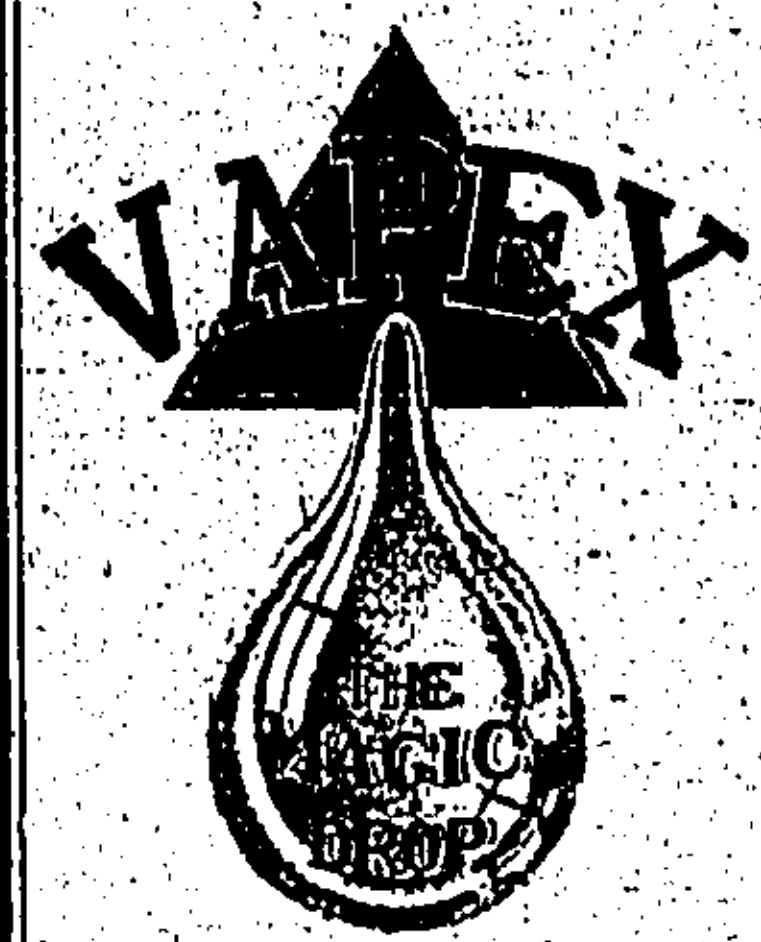
#### "SCARED STIFF"

The extradition proceedings, in connection with Tang Yu, (who is "wanted" by the Canton Government for alleged kidnapping and murder) were continued before Mr. R. E. Lindell yesterday.

The murder charge was, however, dropped owing to lack of witnesses. It was alleged that the other witnesses had not arrived because they were "scared stiff." The case was remanded on Monday.

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## CONDOLENCES.

### SIR HENRY POLLOCK'S INJURY.

H.E. the Officer Administering the Government (the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G.) at yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council, said:—

"Hon. members of the Legislative Council.—Before we proceed to the business on the agenda, I am sure hon. members will wish to join with me in expressing their sympathy with Sir Henry and Lady Pollock on Sir Henry's recent serious accident. This accident seems likely to involve Sir Henry's absence for several weeks, and we shall all feel acutely the loss of the assistance and advice of the oldest and most experienced Unofficial member of this Council. The loss is enhanced just now by reason of the fact that Sir Henry was acting as Attorney General during the absence on leave of Sir Joseph Kemp and the Government can ill-afford to lose the legal assistance of these two distinguished members of Council at the same moment. I move that this Council desires to express its sincerest sympathy with Sir Henry and Lady Pollock on Sir Henry's accident and its earnest hope for Sir Henry's speedy restoration to health."

The Hon. Sir Shou-sun Chow (senior Unofficial member) said:—

"Sir.—In seconding this motion, I beg, on behalf of the Unofficial members, to associate ourselves with Your Excellency's sentiments, and we join in the expression of sincere sympathy with Sir Henry and Lady Pollock and earnestly hope that Sir Henry will soon be restored to complete health."

The motion was unanimously carried.

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### GERMAN SHIPPING.

#### FEATURES OF THE FIRST SIX MONTHS.

##### UNPROFITABLE FREIGHTS.

The situation of German freight shipping during the first half of 1928 is reviewed by a writer in the "Kölnische Zeitung," who comes to the conclusion that while the liner companies have reason to be fairly well satisfied with the results of the period, the "tramp" enterprises, on the contrary, are in an extraordinarily difficult position. The first half of the current year, the writer says, was not altogether favourable for freight shipping. The disparity between the supply of cargo space and the amount of cargo offering for shipment, which was less apparent in the preceding year owing to the after-effects of the English coal strike and other events lying outside normal shipping business, came sharply into prominence during the first half of the current year. The large mass of unusable tonnage had a strongly depressing effect, and led to an almost unbroken decline of freight rates.

For German liner shipping, that is to say, for those companies whose services on the various traffic routes are established by programme for a long time in advance, business in the current year, from the point of view of volume, has, generally speaking, been satisfactory, while freight rates have stood very much below the level of the preceding year. All the same, and especially for the large companies, most of whom are able to find in the fairly brisk passenger business a certain compensation for the decreased yield from freight carrying, the prospect is not too gloomy.

##### THE CONFERENCE SYSTEM.

As is well-known, on all the most important traffic routes, the freight business is consolidated in international associations, the so-called conferences, which fix certain minimum rates for freight carrying to which all the members of the conference are bound to adhere. The conferences possess a very effective weapon for warding off outsiders, namely, their "Treuebatter" (rebates for shipping only by conference lines). These are the sometimes very considerable repayments out of the amounts paid by the shippers. These repayments are made after a certain time, generally every half year, but are forfeited if the shipper, within the period in question has forwarded goods through a company outside the conference.

The conference system, which, through the regulation of sailing dates and in other ways, provides against ships sailing with empty or half empty holds, has proved in the course of time to be an extraordinarily effective means for the maintenance of a business equilibrium. The various freight wars of the last few years have abundantly shown that such organisations have the power to protect themselves against the penetration even of strong outsiders into their sphere of operations.

Very severe competitors with the liner companies, however, are those companies, which, operating outside the conferences, are able, thanks to State subventions, to accept cargo at such low rates that they do very considerable damage to the private companies, which have always to think about a return on their invested capital. In this connection there is no need to

do more than mention the American State fleet, the Lloyd Brasillero, and a few Italian companies.

In addition to this there has recently been coming to the fore certain tendencies the object of which is to establish the supremacy of the shipping of a single State in a particular sphere. This form of competition is especially apparent in the Pacific Ocean between Japan and the United States. Taking them altogether, however, these are only isolated instances of disturbances which do very serious, if not altogether fatal, damage to the freight business, owing to the depressed prices of 1928, will bring a smaller profit than 1927. This is all the more probable because the crop yield in Europe should not make it necessary to call for extraordinarily large wheat shipments from the River Plate and Canada.

##### TRAMPS DIFFICULTIES.

Incomparably more difficult is the situation of "tramp" shipping, that is to say, of those concerns which place their ships wherever the largest supply of cargo happens to exist. Tramp shipping, in Germany, as also in other maritime countries, is carrying on nearly always a desperate struggle for its existence. The mere fact that the liner companies are provided with a fairly adequate supply of cargo, while the total volume of goods carried has declined not only in proportion to the available cargo space, but in gross amount, is sufficient to show that the tramp trade has been forced into an extremely uncomfortable position. As a matter of fact, things in this trade appear to be practically hopeless.

Tramp shipping is being thrust in an ever-increasing degree from its original field of activity, namely, the transport of bulk cargoes, while the liners which formerly devoted themselves almost exclusively to the forwarding of case and general goods, are extending their sphere with steadily increasing success to bulk goods. Thus, in the current year, whole cargoes have been fixed by liner companies, and this has been done at rates which would have been impossible for the tramp trade. The tramp trade has no chance of standing against the development. Certain companies attempted to find a way out by building larger and faster ships. But this alone will not improve the general situation. For years past the liner companies have also been following the policy of constructing larger and faster units. The higher speed, however, means the quicker completion of the single voyage and, therefore, an increase in the available amount of cargo space.

Thus for a revival of the tramp trade the modernising of single fleets is not sufficient. Such a course can only effect a reduction in certain items of working expenses. A real revival can only be brought about by the laying up of the superfluous space. As things are in the tramp trade to-day, however, it is simply impossible to dream of such a form of close co-operation. The interests of individual companies stand in some instances as the poles asunder, and it is hardly possible to find a common denominator for the form and quality of the individual fleets. It would be found very difficult to persuade the owners, the majority of whom work with antiquated craft, to join a combination which would dictate the laying up of their ships, while the rest of the companies would certainly avoid any partial combination of which the sole advantage would be that they alone would have to pay the bill.

##### NEW TENDENCIES.

Even if it were possible, however, to overcome all these difficulties, one could entertain very little hope for the future of tramp shipping. The principal work of "free" shipping consisted in the snapping up of large and urgent cargoes which suddenly appeared on the market, as for instance, in the event of large crops in Argentina and Canada. It also made use of the seasonal fluctuations in the general goods traffic. These fluctuations, however, have been growing less and less in the course of time. On the one hand, the increasing density of the liner service has facilitated a smoother outflow of goods. This development is assisted by liner shipping, which enables even small consignments to be forwarded on the changing conditions, whereas the use of tramp vessels makes it necessary to assemble large quantities of cargo in advance. On the other hand, it is strongly supported by a process which is going on outside the actual shipping trade. The producers of bulk goods are making increasing efforts to cut out heavy price fluctuations by the gradual and even introduction of their goods into the ordinary channels of consumption.

This idea is embodied in its extreme form in the Brazilian valorisation institution for the protection of the prices of coffee. A similar policy is being adopted, on a smaller scale, by the wheat growers in the formation of "pools" to regulate supplies to the markets. The fact that the wheat exports alone from the River Plate in the first half of this year are about 2,500,000 quarters, or about 15 per cent. less than those of the corresponding period of last year must to a certain extent be attributed to these efforts.

Thus it will be seen that the situation of tramp shipping at the present day is one of extraordinary difficulty. The large amount of capital invested in it secures little or no return. Various concerns can barely earn the interest on their mortgages, to say nothing of appropriations for depreciation and reserve. The possibility of ceasing their ships to the liner companies on time charter grows less and less as the companies increase their fleets.

In the distribution of merchandise new tendencies, somewhat vague at first, are making their appearance, the full realisation of which threatens to deprive tramp shipping of its only trump card, namely, its greater elasticity, as compared with liner shipping, in the disposition of its cargo space. These unfavourable prospects almost compel comparison with the once flourishing sailing ship trade. Is tramp shipping condemned to death after it has fulfilled its economic mission of preparing the way for its stronger competitor?

##### SWEDISH PORT TRAFFIC.

Sweden now has 261 ports, including the three free ports of Stockholm, Gothenburg and Malmö, according to an official report just published by the Swedish Board of Trade (Kommerskollegium). Fifteen of these ports have an annual traffic exceeding 1,000,000 tons each, 27 have over 500,000 tons and 64 over 200,000 tons.

The report shows that the activity of the Swedish ports in general during the past year developed most favourably and that, in comparison with 1926, the traffic increased considerably in practically all ports, especially as regard Stockholm and Gothenburg, where the increase amounted to 700,000 and 500,000 tons respectively. Thanks to a heavy increase in the export of iron ore the ports of Lulea, Gelfe and Norrköping increased their traffic figures by 1,600,000, 500,000 and 230,000 tons respectively, and all Norrland ports also show increases owing to the rising exports of wood goods.

A comparison with the pre-war figures of 1913 in most cases shows a striking increase. Thus, the port of Gothenburg traffic rose from 6.6 to 9.8 million tons, Umea, from 199,000 to 888,000, and the ore shipping port of Oxelosund from 1.65 to 2.05 million tons. Generally speaking, the above-mentioned figures serve to illustrate the growth of Sweden's export and of its international trade.

The master of a passenger boat was fined \$10 at the Marine Court for carrying goods other than passenger's luggage, namely, 12 baskets of eggs. A similar fine was imposed on the mistress of a cargo junk on a charge of failing to exhibit regulation lights.

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### CHINA'S FOSSILS.

#### DETENTION OF R. C. ANDREWS' FINDS.

##### 'PRESERVATION OF CULTURE'

Peking, Yesterday.  
The latest development in connection with the fossil specimens belonging to the Roy Chapman Andrews expedition, which have been seized by the Tutung of Chahar, is that the Tutung now says that he has examined all the cases, and has found that "most of them are not curios." Therefore he is inclined to release them.

This does not satisfy the Association for the Preservation of Cultural Objects, at whose instigation the specimens were held up. The Association has now wired to

General Yen Hsi-shan, who is one of its officials, saying that all articles of scientific interest, whether curios or not, should be retained until the Association's experts have examined them.

Proposed Action.  
The Association also proposes that the cases be brought to Peking and that all materials of archaeological interest should be retained by China. Of the remaining specimens, those without duplicates should be retained by China, while those with duplicates can be divided between China and the United States.

The suggestion in made that all specimens retained by China shall be properly catalogued for study, and in this connection special facilities can be granted to the organization responsible for their discovery.—Reuter.

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Peking."

Mr. D. M. Holmes has been ap-  
pointed second officer, "Shengking."

Mr. I. Newton, chief officer,  
"Fatahan," has gone chief officer,  
"Antung."

Mr. W. Dickinson, chief officer,  
"Antung," has gone chief officer,  
"Taikoo Wan Yi."

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"Taikoo Wan Yi," has gone chief  
officer, "Fatahan."

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gone third engineer officer, "Sheng-  
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gineer officer, "Ichang," is on re-  
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twenty-five in addition to a Fleet-  
wood trawlerman, Skipper John  
Wright, who was sailing as fishing  
pilot.

"During our voyage," said Mr.  
Wright, we ran into shoals of  
sharks and I am not exaggerating  
when I say there must have been  
six or seven thousand lashing the  
sea into foam for miles around. They  
completely surrounded our boat, bit  
huge holes in our net, and it was  
only with the utmost difficulty that  
we could haul it in. As night ap-  
proached we hove to and started  
sorting our catch, throwing the  
smaller fish back into the sea. The  
sharks were on us immediately, and  
in order to clear the water we  
laid hooks on long poles, which  
we suspended from the side of the  
ship. The twine which we were  
using was not, however, strong  
enough, and as the sharks grabbed  
the hooks with the bait on they gave  
a violent lurch and carried the  
hooks and twine with them into the  
sea.

"I was the only Englishman on  
board, and when the French crew  
began to gesticulate and get excited  
I became a little bewildered. Our  
kitchen mascot was unfortunately  
knocked overboard, and although it  
was only in the water a few seconds  
a shark bit one of its legs off, and  
we had to drown it on board."

"In the end we got eighteen  
sharks on board, but as they were  
lashing about the deck it was not  
safe to go anywhere near them. We  
had to fasso each one, and then  
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## THE "EVEREADY."

MORE CHINESE CONVICTED OF  
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Judgment was delivered by Mr.  
W. Schofield, at Kowloon Court  
yesterday, in the case in which the  
Chung Wah Battery Co. was pro-  
secuted by the National Carbon Co.  
with infringements of the  
"Eveready" trade marks.

The Magistrate convicted on both  
charges and the labels and goods  
seized were ordered to be confis-  
cated and the former destroyed.  
Defendant was fined \$50 on each  
charge and each side will bear their  
own costs.

Comment was made by his Wor-  
ship on the procedure adopted by  
the National Carbon Co. on the  
point that they did not appear to  
have taken any steps to have their  
trade mark registered here until  
they found that it was being in-  
fringed.

Mr. G. S. Hugh Jones represented  
complainant and Mr. C. A. S. Russ  
the defendant.

His Worship ordered a stay of  
execution for one week.

Mr. R. C. Tredwell, United States  
Consul General, was in court at the  
time the judgment was delivered.

Another Case.  
The case in which the Kwong  
Tung Co. are also charged with  
similar infringements was resumed  
yesterday and was again adjourned  
till next Thursday.

## HOT CONGEE.

DEFENDANT TELLS AN  
INTERESTING STORY.

With his body painted with  
iodine and bandages running  
diagonally across his shoulders, a  
Chinese appeared at Kowloon  
Magistracy as complainant in a  
case of assault.

Defendant, who was charged  
with assault by throwing a hot  
bowl of congee on complainant,  
denied the charge. He said that  
he was endeavouring to avoid  
complainant by carrying the pot  
high over his head, when it slipped  
from his grasp and fell over him.

That the defendant had thrown  
the hot congee over him in a fit  
of temper was complainant's  
story. He had at once reported  
the matter to the police, who ar-  
rested defendant.

Inspector Marks said that there  
was no policeman present at the  
time of the alleged assault which  
took place in a market. There-  
fore there was no direct evidence  
except that of complainant. He  
agreed with the magistrate that  
it was a case of dispute in mo-  
tives and not in facts.

In view of the circumstances,  
Mr. W. Schofield decided to bind  
over both parties in a personal  
bond of \$75 to be of good be-  
haviour for one year while, in  
addition, defendant was ordered  
to pay \$15 to complainant as com-  
pensation.

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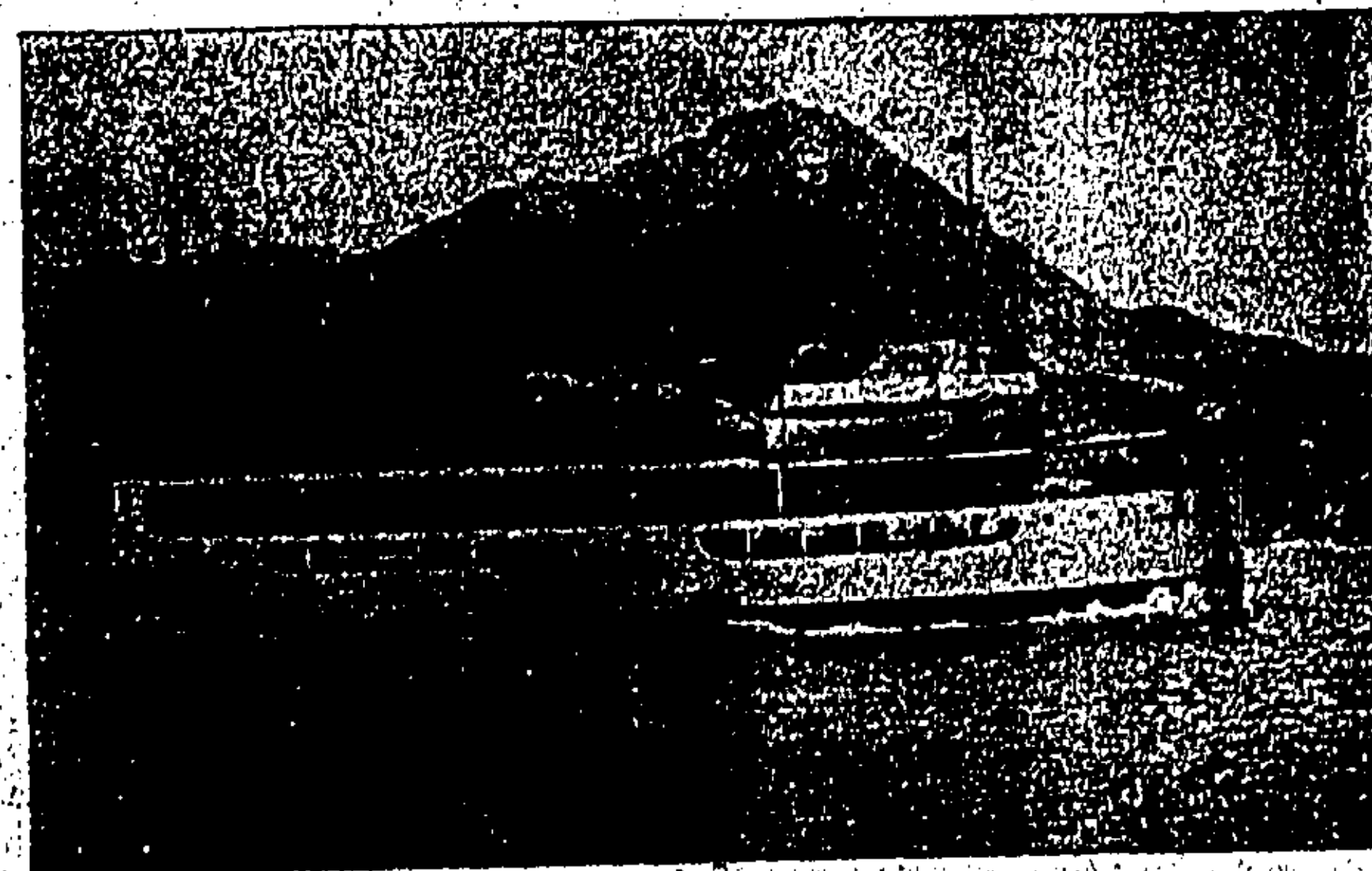
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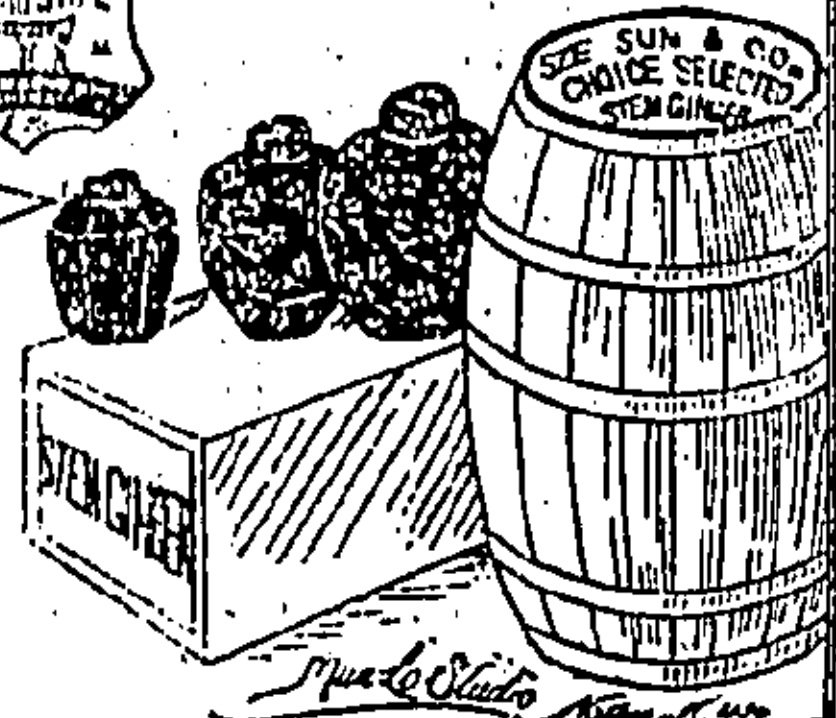
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## BIRTHS.

HAY.—On September 16, 1928, at  
the Country Hospital, Shang-  
hai, to Mr. and Mrs. A. C.  
Hay, a daughter.SCOTT.—On September 17, 1928,  
at Victoria Nursing Home,  
Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs.  
William A. Scott, a son, Ralph  
Valentine.

Hong Kong, Friday, Sept. 21, 1928.

## HONG KONG'S BUDGET.

The first reading of the Budget  
at yesterday's meeting of the  
Legislative Council passed off as  
was generally anticipated. There  
is matter only for congratulation  
on the increasingly healthy state  
of the Colony's finances. Better  
still, no new taxation was pro-  
posed. Thus we have very direct  
and encouraging indications that  
the Colony is gradually weather-  
ing the economic storms of the  
past few years and is now, to all  
appearance, happily launched on  
what we will all hope will prove  
to be a full tide of prosperity. As  
the ominous signs that had  
threatened us began to clear away  
early in the year, thanks largely  
to the better understanding  
brought about between Canton  
and Hong Kong—and to the  
mutual benefit of both places—it  
became evident that the Colony's  
finances would soon present a dif-  
ferent appearance compared  
with those of last year and that a  
more prosperous Colony would be  
in evidence on the introduction of  
the Budget. The estimates for  
the current year were framed to  
show revenue of some \$20,000,  
000, a sum that seemed optima-  
lly large last year when we  
were by no means "out of the  
wood" so far as our economic  
worries were concerned. It is  
therefore very pleasing to be able  
to record that the actual revenue  
surpassed the estimate by justover \$1,000,000, eloquent evidence  
of gradually brightening times  
for the Colony. The expenditure  
had been put down at \$22,183,045.  
Thus we are in the highly satis-  
factory position of having a sub-  
stantial surplus instead of an  
estimated deficit of \$2,000,000.  
The Colony's balance of assets  
over liabilities is rapidly reaching  
\$5,000,000, and there seems to be  
good ground for believing that  
the increase shown will continue.  
It is to be hoped that nothing  
will happen approaching the  
state of affairs of the time when  
(not so many years ago) the sur-  
plus reached the astounding figure  
of \$15,000,000. Evidence of  
splendid financial health no  
doubt, but, clearly, not much in  
the way of accurate budgeting.Naturally, tax-payers object to  
and resent such an accumulation  
in the hands of the treasury, as  
they very properly conclude that  
the money would be better in  
their own hands so that it might  
be put to profitable purposes.  
The holding (or hoarding) of such  
large sums is illogical, transpar-  
ently unfair to the taxpayer and  
evidence, it must seem to the im-  
partial, of over-taxation. Doubt-  
less the money would be put to  
the best possible use, but it is  
clear that with so large a sum "to  
play with" there is a tendency to  
embark upon schemes which may  
or may not be of obvious or im-  
mediate benefit to the Colony.  
The safe course is undoubtedly to  
budget for a moderate surplus  
and to regard all such surpluses  
as a kind of "first call" by the  
tax-payer for a reduction of tax-  
ation. The large surplus mention-  
ed was, of course, the result of a  
very abnormal wave of prosperity.  
But the slump of 1925 was not  
needed to point to the fallacy in-  
herent in such accumulation and  
to justify the outcry against  
surpluses of the kind complained  
about. The lesson has undoubtedly  
been learned and judging by the  
state of affairs that prevails to-  
day, there is little likelihood that  
the Government will ever budget  
so generously should there be the  
slightest indication of a recur-  
rence of a similar state of affairs.Next year's revenue is estimated  
at \$22,278,600 and the expendi-  
ture at \$24,789,650, figures which  
bear out the Government's cau-  
tious and praiseworthy policy of  
regarding the present as being  
"no time for extravagance." We  
are glad to note that the Govern-  
ment are also of opinion that  
"neither is it a time for pessimis-  
tic economy." As will be seen, the  
expenditure for 1929 is in excess  
of the estimated revenue to the  
extent of some \$2,500,000, but  
we are inclined to think, judging  
by the signs everywhere appar-ent, that at this time next year  
there will not be any such deficit  
to meet, but rather that the sur-  
plus will be much more satisfac-  
tory than it is in the current  
financial statement.A bulb horn, valued at \$22, is re-  
ported to have been stolen from car  
No. 224, the property of Mr. M. K.  
Lo.A Chinese of about 20 years of  
age, died last night, shortly after  
being knocked down by a bus in  
Chatham-road, Kowloon.Suffering from a poisoned arm,  
Mr. W. Brace, the well-known  
cricketer, underwent an operation  
at the Royal Naval Hospital yester-  
day.Mr. G. J. Tarrant, of the Hong  
Kong Telephone Co., reports  
that a quantity of telephone wire  
has been stolen at Deep Water Bay,  
near the Cement Works.The Cecilia Hansen violin concert  
at the Theatre Royal did not take  
place last night owing to unavoidable  
circumstances. It will be present-  
ed on Monday evening.A would-be burglar who climbed  
on the verandah of the first floor of  
the Maryknoll Mission in Kowloon  
last night, was scared off by the  
alertness of the inmates.Holders of undrawn tickets in the  
Macao Champion sweepstakes are  
requested to communicate with the  
International Race and Recreation  
Club of Macao, Ltd., Macao.A gang of burglars broke into the  
basement of No. 135 Queen's-road  
Central yesterday morning, taking  
away with them two cases of shellac  
and a case of oil valued at \$500.Carvalho Yeo, the man alleged to  
be connected with the Treasury  
fraud case, is reported to have  
arrived in Hong Kong yesterday  
from Shanghai en route to Canton.Found guilty of stealing three  
pieces of brass, a Chinese workman  
of the Kowloon Docks was fined \$25  
or, in default, three weeks' hard  
labour at the Kowloon Magistracy  
yesterday.Sui Yin-sang, master of the Tai  
Lee cement shop at No. 1 Des Voeux-  
road Central, reported that his  
accountant, Leung Shut-tin, abs-  
conded with \$1,700 which he col-  
lected from various shops on behalf  
of the firm.A debate on the motion "that In-  
ternational Legislation should be  
instituted forthwith to prevent the  
marriage of physically or mentally  
unfit persons" will be held at St.  
Peter's Church Young Men's Club  
house on Monday next at 8.30 p.m.A fine of \$69 or 6 weeks' hard  
labour, was imposed by Mr. W.  
Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy  
this morning on a woman for the  
unlawful possession of opium. The  
contraband was found in her pos-  
session when she was arrested in  
Shanghai-street.Sums amounting to \$257.26 are  
reported stolen from No. 22, Chung  
Shau-street, East, between 9 p.m. on  
Sept. 19 and 8 a.m. on Sept. 20. Ac-  
cording to Li Ching, a shop fook,  
the money was put into a box in the  
cubicle and it is suspected that a  
"friend" named Lin Ngan, who had  
been staying there for three days,  
stole it.A Chinese, arrested for stealing  
three packages of cigarettes from  
an old woman's stall, yesterday, was  
sentenced to two months' hard labour  
at the Central Magistracy this  
morning. He was further sen-  
tenced to 10 months' hard labour  
and 20 strokes of the birch for not  
complying with a ten-year banish-  
ment order for a breach of the  
Arms Ordinance in 1926.The case in which a man was  
found in possession of a butcher's  
knife, at Central-street, was again  
brought before Mr. R. E. Lindell  
this morning. Defendant admitted  
that he had only carried it for a  
friend, but the Magistrate intimat-  
ed that the knife and knife were for  
the purpose of armed robbery. Sen-  
tence of three months' hard labour  
was imposed.

## PRIMO DE RIVERA.

RETURNS SAFELY TO SPANISH  
CAPITAL.Madrid, Yesterday.  
General De Rivera has returned  
safely from Barcelona and received  
an ovation at the station.—Reuter.

## JAPANESE DESTROYERS.

Tokyo, Yesterday.  
The three Japanese destroyers  
which were sent to Tsingtao in  
April (owing to the trouble in  
Shantung) have been ordered to  
return to Japan now that there  
is an improvement in the situa-  
tion.—Reuter.

## CHARITY BAZAAR.

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AIDING A GOOD CAUSE.This institution, situated at  
Shaokwan, was founded many  
years ago by a band of untiring  
Chinese sisters. Their glorious  
aim is to take care of the orphans  
and decrepits irrespective of race  
or creed. To our appreciation, the  
institution has become the home of  
an ever-increasing number of poor  
people who are provided with a  
fair means of living besides being  
impressed in their minds the as-  
surances and promises of the gos-  
pel.In view of the rapid growth of  
these poor people's necessities and  
the increased cost of living, the  
Sisters have found it necessary to  
hold a bazaar annually in order to  
enable them to carry on their work  
of mercy.The bazaar held in the last  
three years had merited dazzling  
success, having the distinguished  
patronage of Lady C. Clementi and  
Mrs. R. H. Kotewall. It can be as-  
serted that with their encourage-  
ments and the public support, the  
activities of the institution have  
widely extended, despite the diffi-  
culties and dangers which the sis-  
ters had to face in carrying on  
their work in the interior. The  
establishment of branch convents  
and many schools in the Colony  
and other districts of the Pro-  
vince, bears witness to its exten-  
sion.The annual Bazaar of this year  
will take place at the Catholic  
Young Men's Society, 16, Caine-  
road, on October 13 next and is  
timed to open at 3 p.m. It will  
continue on the following day the  
14th from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Hon.  
Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., LL.D.,  
is the President. Dr. Yik-shing  
Wan, M.A., M.B. (Camb.), F.R.C.S.,  
is the Chairman and Mr. Chan Wal-  
chuen is the Hon. Secretary and  
Treasurer. The Bazaar Committee  
includes: Mrs. Chao Po-sien, Mrs.  
Leong Kam-luen and Misses Chan  
Yim-hing, Chu Wing-man and Lui  
Chui-ying; and Messrs. F. H.  
Barnes, Chan Wai-ming, Li Yan-  
shing, Chan Wai-kuen and William  
Poy. For the Bazaar tickets at \$1  
and \$2 are issued in exchange for  
souvenirs. It is hoped that the  
function will receive a gratifying  
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ria Nursing Division by H.E. the  
Officer Administering the Govern-  
ment (the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern,  
C.M.G.) at Government House yester-  
day.Among those present were Mrs.  
Southern, the Hon. Mr. H. T.  
Creasy, C.M.G. and Mrs. Creasy,  
Dr. W. B. A. Moore (Director of  
Medical & Sanitary Services), Sir  
Robert Ho Tung, Mr. Kwok Shu-lau,  
Mr. Chau Tung-shang, Mr. Ip Lan-  
chuen (member of the St. John  
Ambulance Brigade finance com-  
mittee) and others.Mr. A. Morris (acting Assistant  
Commissioner in charge of dis-  
trict) was on parade. Other offi-  
cers were Mr. Ho Kom-ton, O.B.E.,  
Dr. Ma Luk and Mr. G. W. C.  
Burnett, while Mr. J. Ralston was  
in command.After inspection by His Excel-  
lency the parade re-formed into a  
square for the presentations.His Excellency said:—I am not  
going to detain you with a long  
speech, but I just want to say how  
very much I have enjoyed the privi-  
lege of presenting these medallions  
and badges to the members of the  
Brigade. And I just want to say  
how very much the Government  
appreciates the fact that so many  
private individuals in Hong  
Kong are willing to devote their  
leisure time to preparing them-  
selves to give assistance in the al-  
leviation of human sufferings. I con-  
gratulate all those to whom I have  
had the privilege of distributing  
badges and medallions.In conclusion His Excellency ex-  
horted those other members who  
had not yet obtained those med-  
allions and labels to follow the good  
example set by the recipients of  
that day. He invited members to  
partake of refreshments before re-  
turning home.Following were the awards:  
Victoria Nursing Division.  
Medallions:—Dalminda Lopes,  
Fung Mui-kwan, Yung Po-yick, Hui-  
shing, Chan Kim-sing, Ngo Sui-hing, Ho Abdul K. Minu, Chan Lai-yin, Cheung Wai-foon and Mohamed Sabhan, Mohamed Hui-  
Hung, Lai-kwan.  
Labels:—Lillian Heang, Fok Ahmed, Ghulam Mustafa, Tasir  
Kam-yung, and Yin Poon Sar-han, Harriet, and Mohamed Farid.  
Y.V.C.A. Division.  
Medallions:—Leung Wai-mam, Mr. Alim Khan.

## UNION CHURCH.

THANKSGIVING DAY AT  
KOWLOON.  
ORDER OF SERVICE.A special Order of Service has  
been arranged for Sunday morning  
(Thanksgiving Day) closely follow-  
ing the precedent of former years.  
The two-fold motive of the service is  
"Thanksgiving and Reconciliation",  
and this has been worked out in the  
order of Praise and Prayer, and  
finds expression also in the Thanks-  
giving offering. A special ground for  
thankfulness will appear when the  
Minister announces, as he is expect-  
ed to do, the result of the petition  
to the Government for the perman-  
ent grant of the Jordan-road site,  
where the temporary place of wor-  
ship stands. It is understood that  
the reply of Government was favour-  
able and the conditions have been  
formally accepted by the Union  
Church Trustees. All the more ap-  
propriate will be the Anthem by the  
Choir—"Lift up your Heads."The evening service (6 p.m.) will  
take the form of a Festival of Sacred  
Song. This is a new feature  
of Thanksgiving Day, and has been  
introduced partly to celebrate the  
new Hymnary, issued for the first  
time last Sunday. Union Church,  
Kowloon, are now inclined to boast  
that they have the best Hymn-book  
and the best Church-Choir in the  
Colony. The Choir consists of 25  
voices (9 soprano, 5 contralto, 5  
tenor and 6 base). The Sacred Con-  
cert on Sunday evening will be pro-  
vided entirely by members of the  
Choir and, besides items from the  
Hymnary, there will be a solo, duet,  
quartet and Anthem. It is, of  
course, open to anyone to attend. A  
collection will be taken to augment  
the thankoffering of the morning.Programme of Festival of Praise  
at 6 p.m., Sunday, September 23.—  
Introit, ..... 228, From all that  
dwell below the Skies... Choir  
Invocation Prayer and Lord's  
Prayer ..... Minister  
Hymn ..... 36, Eternal Light,  
Eternal Light... Congregation  
Duet ..... Watchman, What of  
the Night? Mr. & Mrs. White  
Hymn ..... 252, Angel Voices,  
ever Singing ..... Choir  
Solo ..... SelectedOffertory, Mrs. Hurst  
Psalm ..... 735, The Lord's my  
Shepherd ..... Congregation  
Brief Address ..... "Thy Gates Praise."  
Minister  
Quartet ..... Hark, hark, my Soul,  
Mrs. Hurst, Mrs. Dick,  
Mr. Provan and Mr. Gov.  
Anthem ..... God, my Help,  
Choir  
Hymn ..... 239, The Day Thou  
gavest ..... Congregation.

## "ALL'S WELL," ETC.

Stating that if defendant were  
placed in jail, his wife and family  
would suffer, the prosecution sug-  
gested that in view of this fact and  
also of his good character, a Chi-  
nese be discharged at the Kowloon  
Magistracy this morning where he  
appeared on a charge of assaulting  
his wife.His wife (complainant) said that  
she was willing to withdraw the  
charge if her husband promised to  
continue to care for her and her  
two children.Defendant promised to do so, and,  
in view also of the fact that he  
had been in police custody for some  
little time in connection with the  
case and had no previous police re-  
cord, Mr. W. Schofield, the Magis-  
trate discharged him.Lee Tak-hing, Lei Yuk-ping, Wong  
Yuen-hin and Law Wan-sang.  
Y.M.C.A. Division.Medallions:—Wong Kam-cheung,  
and So Chui-yuen.  
Labels:—Chak Tai-kwong, Szeto  
Chung, Chan Wang-fat, Ho Chang-  
yee, U Kai-cheung, Thomas Sue,  
Chang Shing-lam, and Pang Shui-  
kwai.King's College Division.  
Medallions:—Chan Chee-fat,  
Kon Chuen-on, Chan Man-kai, Tsai  
Hin-kan and Chan Wai-chung.  
Labels:—Leung Sui-sang, Fung  
Hof-shun, Chan Yuk-in, and Li  
Kan-yuen.Railway Division.  
Medallions:—Kun Ngok-sang,  
Lam Hon-cheung, Ka U-wah, Chan  
Yuk, Lo Mo-yu, Li Ping-tan, Lo  
Yan-sau and Leung Fan.  
Labels:—P. M. Winyard, Sar  
Pol de Loberon, U Po-yin, Tang  
Cho, Cheng Chik-wan, Leung Yat-  
chui, Lau Kau, Pun Chi-pan, Tang  
Lam-sau, Chan Pak-lin, Leung  
Chung-yun, Tang Chung, Wan  
Hau-kong, Chang Cheong and  
Cheung Kam.Indian Division.  
Medallions:—Jachria S. A.  
Cureem, Jaffer Hosen, Abdul M.  
Wahab, Mohammed Y. Adal,  
Dawood Mohamed, Norman Osman,  
Mohamed B. Abbas, Shakk S.  
Medallions:—Dalminda Lopes,  
Fung Mui-kwan, Yung Po-yick, Hui-  
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## "STILL A LONG WAY TO GO."

1929 Budget: Erring on Side of Caution.

TO SPEND MORE THAN REVENUE.

Reviews Made at First Reading of Supply Bill.

Qualifying his review of the Colony's financial position with the observation that it is natural for budget-makers to err on the side of caution, H.E. the Officer Administering the Government (the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southorn, C.M.G.) lay before the Legislative Council yesterday—prior to the first reading of the 1929 Supply Bill—figures which show estimated amounts of:—

Estimated revenue next year .....	\$22,278,600
Estimated expenditure next year .....	24,799,650
Excess of expenditure over revenue in 1929 ..	2,521,050
Estimated balance on Jan. 1, 1930 .....	3,985,979
Estimated liquid balances on Jan. 1, 1930 ..	2,201,860

His Excellency spoke on the Colony's friendly relations with neighbouring provinces, this year's revival and the general aspects of trade, adding a note of warning that "we have a long way to go."

The Colonial Secretary (the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G., C.B.E.) gave information regarding the Government's financial administration of Hong Kong. There were references to salaries, allowances, and further evidence to show why the petition of the junior clerical staff for more pay had been refused. It was announced that the Revision Commission is to sit shortly.

The next meeting of the Legislative Council will be a fortnight hence, on Oct. 4, when the Unofficial members will offer criticism and praise and the Government spokesmen will reply.

### GOVERNOR'S REVIEW.

His Excellency said:—

Honourable Members of the Legislative Council:

Before the Colonial Secretary rises to move the first reading of the Supply Bill for 1929 I desire to place before you a brief resume of the financial situation of the Colony which may help to explain the basis on which the estimate of expenditure have been framed. When I introduced the Budget for 1928 I set before the Council an estimate of our position at the end of 1927 and at the end of 1928. Now Budget making has not yet been reduced to an exact science and events have a trick of falsifying the most careful estimates. It is therefore natural for Budget-makers to err on the side of caution, for should events prove their prophecies to have erred on the side of optimism the result may well be disastrous to the financial stability of the Colony, while the errors of caution, if not pushed to excess, are likely at the worst to lead only to delay in the execution of works which, however desirable, cannot be classed as essential.

Leaving out of account for the moment the sum of \$1,963,358 which is due for repayment to surplus balances from Loan Funds we anticipated an actual surplus of assets on the working of the year 1927 of \$2,184,033 of which some \$500,000 would be liquid.

### REVENUE EXCEEDED.

The actual result for 1927 falsified our predictions in that the revenue instead of being below our estimate exceeded it by \$337,139, while our expenditure fell short of our estimate by \$1,469,637, and instead of finishing the year 1927 with an over expenditure of \$1,307,305 as originally estimated, or of \$1,302,257 as estimated this time last year, we actually had a surplus of \$499,471 to add to our surplus balances, and we were able to start the year 1928 with surplus assets of \$3,985,761, of which some \$2,025,000 were liquid, instead of \$2,184,033, of which \$500,000 would be liquid, as we anticipated when we framed our Budget for 1928. To these figures remain to be added the sum of \$1,963,358, repayable from loan funds.

In considering this favourable result it must not be overlooked that our original estimate of revenue was only exceeded by \$337,139 and the principal cause of our surplus was the not altogether satisfactory one of under expenditure to the extent of nearly three quarters of a million dollars on Public Works Extraordinary. In this connection moreover we must remember that the Public Works Department expended \$1,537,251, from loan funds in 1927 which but for the flotation of our Public Works Loan must have been met, as in more prosperous times, from Revenue and Surplus Balances, while the Department can also point to many activities on behalf of the Military Authority in connection with the arrival of the Spharoc which were inevitably reflected in some diminution of its own spending power. Our estimate for 1928 was framed to show a revenue of \$22,103,590, an expenditure of \$22,183,045, and an over expenditure of \$79,455, and to meet this estimated deficit we had surplus assets on January 1, 1928, of \$3,985,761, of which \$2,025,000 were liquid, and the balance of \$1,960,761 was repayable from loan funds.

### SURPLUS ANTICIPATED.

Unless some unforeseen catastrophe should occur to disturb the even tenor of our way between now and the end of the year there is every prospect that we shall complete the year 1928 with a surplus on our estimates of just over \$1,000,000 instead of a deficit of just over \$2,000,000.

The year opened with a good many clouds on the political horizon owing to the December upheavals in Canton, but a new era of improved relations with Kwang Tung began with the interchange of visits between Marshal Li Chai-sum and His Excellency Sir Cecil Clementi in the early part of this year, and this Colony and the neighbouring provinces of China owe much to Sir Cecil's untiring labour for the re-opening of friendly intercourse between Hong Kong and its great neighbour, the city of Canton. It cannot be expected that trade should recover in a bound the position from which it had receded. China has been too long rent with civil strife to be able at present to trade with its former freedom. It can neither produce nor absorb the volume of its peace time trade. But at any rate in Kwangtung and Kwang-sai under their present rulers, signs of returning prosperity are by no means lacking. Piracy and banditry are being suppressed, roads and other means of communication are being opened up, communism is being kept in check, and a general feeling of security is being fostered.

We welcome these signs and venture to offer our congratulations and good wishes to the governments of these provinces in the great endeavour they are making to restore prosperity to the areas over which they rule.

### LONG WAY TO GO.

But we have a long way to go before the volume of the Colony's trade will reach the figure of more prosperous times; at present I am advised that trade is improving but that the improvement is very slow and is hampered by a lack of confidence in the future on the part of the Chinese merchant leading to excessive caution in his business transactions. He is inclined still to adopt a hand to mouth policy to which he is encouraged by his uncertainty as to the taxation which will be imposed by his Government.

Bearing these facts in mind we cannot but congratulate ourselves on the position in which the Government Treasury finds itself today.

### REVENUE RECOVERY.

The revenue has shown a remarkable recovery. Without any alteration in our fiscal system beyond the two almost trivial items of school fees and ship survey fees to which reference was made last year our estimate of \$20,103,390 seems likely to be exceeded by \$2,571,020 and we now estimate our revenue for this year at \$22,278,600. There are increases under almost all heads, the most noticeable being the increase of over \$1,000,000 in land sales due to the resumption of land purchase in the Colony during the last few months. There is no doubt that the population of the Colony has been increasing during the year and as the vacant houses are occupied and the vacant lands are being cleared and put to use, the revenue from land purchase and from the sale of land seems to be a very promising one. The increase in population is also largely for the increase of the

\$1,000,000 under Licences and Internal Revenue, not otherwise classified.

There is, however, one item which does not show the increase which we might have expected, viz. Liquor Duties. New regulations for the control of Chinese Distilleries were introduced during the year and have had some effect in improving the returns from liquor duties but the Government cannot but feel that the Treasury still fails to receive the full amount to which it is entitled under the law from the excise on Wines and Spirits and it may become necessary to tighten the regulations still more in order to prevent illicit evasion of the duty. The honest distiller and dealer would not suffer if the way of the transgressor were made a little less easy.

### YEAR'S EXPENDITURE.

Expenditure for this year we have now estimated at \$21,672,500, an under expenditure on our original estimate of \$510,545, and if our estimates prove correct we shall finish the year with a surplus of revenue over expenditure of \$1,001,910, instead of a deficit of \$2,079,655. This surplus added to our balance of assets at the beginning of the year should give us a Balance of Assets over Liabilities on December 31 next of \$4,987,671 without the repayment of the money due from the Loan Account or, with that sum added \$6,951,029 of which just over \$5,000,000 may be regarded as liquid.

From this total, however, must be deducted a sum of \$444,000 which is being advanced this year from surplus balances to meet an expenditure on Loan Works beyond that provided in the Loan Ordinance to which I shall refer later, leaving an estimated liquid balance of \$4,722,910 available for 1929.

### SUDDEN EXPANSION.

In framing our Estimates of Revenue for 1929 we have given due consideration to the sudden expansion this year and have placed our revenue for next year without any change in taxation at \$22,278,600, the details of which are given in the printed estimates. This amount is \$395,810 less than our revised estimate for the current year but in these uncertain times we have not felt justified in assuming that the sudden increase of this year will be more than maintained, while, when the immediate demand for land has been satisfied, it is possible there may even be a slight falling off under the head of land sales.

We thus anticipate that to meet next year's expenditure, exclusive of Loan Works, we shall have available a revenue of \$22,278,600 and a liquid surplus of \$4,722,910 making a total of \$27,001,510. The Colonial Secretary will shortly lay before you the Estimates of Expenditure for 1929 which amount to a sum of \$24,799,650 and exceed by \$2,616,605 the original estimates of expenditure for the current year. This estimate shows a deficit as against the revenue of \$2,521,050 but will still leave us an estimated balance of assets over liabilities of \$3,985,979, and a liquid balance of \$2,201,860.

### THE LOAN.

As Honourable Members are aware we passed the Public Works Loan Ordinance authorising a Loan of \$5,000,000 towards the end of last year and raised with almost embarrassing ease the sum of \$3,000,000 out of the total authorised. Detailed statements of the Loan Expenditure appear in the Appendices to the Printed Estimates.

When the Loan was under discussion it was anticipated that the sum of \$5,000,000 would more than cover the cost of the then approved portion of the Shing Mun Valley Water Scheme and the Aerodrome and Harbour development schemes. Our estimates however have been found incorrect owing to the inability of His Majesty's Government to contribute more than \$100,000 towards the cost of the Aerodrome. From the figures published in the Appendices it will be seen that as regards the Shing Mun Scheme the sum of \$3,500,000 will more than cover the expenditure exclusive of the cost of supplying the water to the Hong Kong side of the Harbour, but that a further sum of \$676,124 will be required if the cross harbour pipe and Garden Service Reservoir are carried out.

The cost to the Colony of Harbour Development is estimated at \$547,916 and of the Aerodrome at \$1,539,467 making an excess of \$587,383 over the amount provided by the Loan to be charged to Surplus Balances pending the flotation of a further loan. Had His Majesty's Government paid three quarters of the cost of the Aerodrome as was hoped this time last year this excess would not have occurred. We are for the moment financing these loan works from Surplus Balances but it will be necessary before long to raise the balance of our authorised loan and then again to finance from Surplus Balances until it is decided to raise further loan funds. It is necessary to take a vote of \$444,000 to finance the Harbour Development and Aerodrome Works this year

(the matter will come before you in Finance Committee to-day) and a further sum estimated at \$145,000 will be required next year as an advance to Loan Funds which will be a charge against our estimated liquid balance of \$2,201,860.

### THE WATER QUESTION.

It will be noticed that we have made no specific provision for increasing the water supply of Hong Kong Island. The question, as Honourable Members are aware, is one which has been engaging the most earnest consideration of this Government, and it was only on August 2 last that I made a statement to the Council on the present position. The Sessional Paper on the Aberdeen Water Scheme promised when the Budget was introduced last year was published early this year and was followed by a further Sessional Paper on the Colony's water supply generally. The views of the Unofficial Members have been communicated to the Secretary of State and his reply is awaited. The urgency of some additional water supply on this side of the Harbour has already been brought home to us by the early introduction of restrictions on the supply to certain parts of the town owing to the insufficiency of the rainfall and the increased consumption, and we do not wish to minimise the seriousness of the situation should there not be a generous rainfall before the dry season finally sets in. Whatever scheme may be decided upon will be pushed on with the utmost vigour. The cost it is proposed to charge ultimately to a new loan but it will be possible in the meantime to finance the expenditure from the unallocated surplus balances which we are holding in reserve.

I commend, gentlemen, to your earnest consideration the estimates of expenditure which are about to be laid before you and I know that I can rely on you now, as always, for that co-operation in all measures for the welfare of this Colony without which good Government is impossible.

### C.S.'S STATEMENT.

The Colonial Secretary said:—

In rising to carry out Your Excellency's instructions to introduce the Supply Bill for 1929, by the statement Your Excellency has just made I find my task lightened to the point of dealing only with Expenditure. Further the expenditure I have to consider does not cover matters connected with the Public Works Loan, which is a matter apart, and concerns the revenue of the Colony only to the extent of its service and of the possibility of financing the works concerned from the surplus balances of the Colony pending such time as it may be found desirable to offer a further sum for public subscription.

The estimated revenue for 1929 reaches a total of \$22,278,600 and in addition to that there will be available an estimated net liquid surplus balance of \$4,722,910 making in all a total of \$27,001,510. Of the total of the surplus balances plus the annual revenue given above, the Government has aimed to leave approximately \$2,000,000 intact: provision has also to be made for Military Contribution \$3,978,388 and for the service of the Public Debt \$1,332,298, \$3,000,000 out of the total authorised. The details of which will be found on page 101 and 105 of the draft estimates. Subtracting from the total available these sums we are left with a total which covers the expenditure of the \$19,478,964 estimated as required to meet the needs of the Colony for 1929. This sum with the Military Contribution and the Service of the Public Works Loan exceeds the estimated Revenue for the year 1929 by \$2,521,050, but it is considered justifiable to provide this amount out of surplus balances and without resort to increased taxation provided that the reserve of \$2,000,000 can still be maintained. It should be noted that the rate of exchange has been estimated at \$1.1/114, as for last year.

A complete explanation of the Estimates of Expenditure allowing for proper comparison with previous years involves a great mass of details: and the example of last year when the items of Public Works Extraordinary were presented fully in written form, has been followed with a view to including all the details of Departmental Expenditure. The tabular statement circulated with the draft estimates is complete and is, it is hoped, in a form which is clear and which will provide an easy method of reference. The tables should result in economising time of the Council, and with permission, Sir, I propose to omit matters which can be easily found in the statements and confine myself as far as possible to broader lines of explanation.

GOVERNMENT SALARIES. The salaries of a large part of the Government service have been under review for some time and in accordance with Sir Cecil Clementi's recommendations to the Secretary of State it is anticipated that a Revision Commission will shortly

### CINEMA NOTES.

"PETER PAN" TO BE SHOWN AGAIN.

FINE SCREEN EFFECTS.

Sir James Barrie's ever delightful story of the boy who wouldn't grow up, and the Never-Never Land, "Peter Pan" returns to the screen at the World Theatre on Sunday, according to a special advertisement in this issue. Produced on a scale impossible for the stage, the picture presents the famous tale with some really marvellous mechanical and photographic effects. For Betty Bronson, who acts the part of Peter Pan, the film is a great personal success, and the other roles are filled by such capable players as Ernest Torrence, Esther Ralston, and Mary Brian. On account of its length, the picture is the only one in the bill, and it will commence promptly after the overture. "Peter Pan" will also be shown at all performances on Monday and Tuesday. "Peter Pan" of course has special appeal to children, but it is also a picture that any grown-up can thoroughly enjoy.

### THE JUNGLE FILM.

"Chang," the unique picture of jungle life which is being screened at the Queen's Theatre, was produced by Merian C. Cooper, a wild-animal hunter, and Ernest B. Schoedsack, an expert cameraman. Armed with weapons and film paraphernalia, they have captured scenes which are astonishing in their realism, thrills, suspense, photographic beauty and simplicity. The picture builds from one highly interesting episode to another and reaches a smashing climax with a scene which is positively amazing in its sweep and thrill. A horde of elephants stampede through a Siamese village, tearing, roaring and destroying everything in its path.

### "THE BIRTH OF A NATION."

D. W. Griffith's great production, "The Birth of a Nation," will be shown at the World Theatre again to-day and to-morrow. Lillian Gish, Henry B. Walthall, Mae Marsh and Miriam Cooper appear as the leading players in this tense drama. Produced on a magnificent scale, and hailed as a screen triumph wherever it has been shown, "The Birth of a Nation" was the first of the "super" films, and the one which brought fame to the principal players and the director alike. Only three performances a day are possible owing to the great length of the film, and these commence promptly at 2.30, 6.30 and 9.15 p.m., with the orchestra in attendance at 9.15 p.m.

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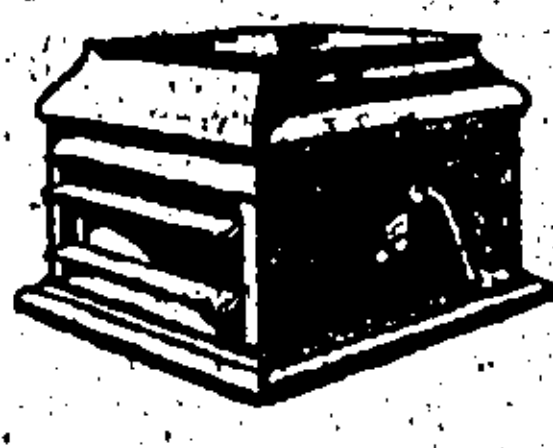
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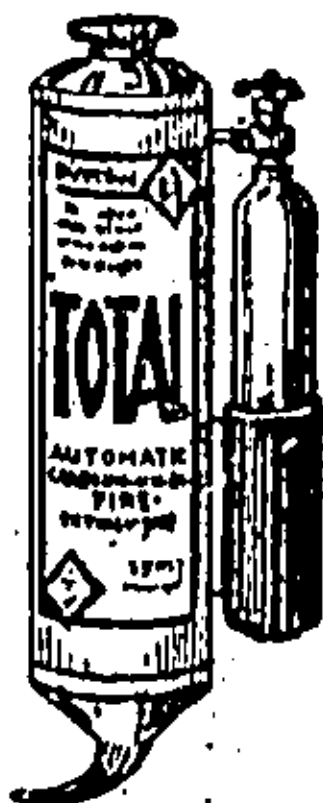
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## 1929 BUDGET.

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to consider the matter comprehensively. Meanwhile certain temporary provisional additions have been approved by the Secretary of State and have been entered in the draft estimates. All these additions were put to the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council before the recommendations were sent further, and received their approval. The largest addition of this kind is the grant of allowances on a sliding scale to compensate for the fall of the dollar before half-a-crown to Government servants ordinarily recruited at home. The total which it is estimated is involved is to be found on page 100 under Head 34, s.b. 47. Miscellaneous Services—Exchange Compensation Allowances, \$350,000. Further it has been deemed necessary to meet recruiting difficulties which were being encountered by raising the scale of salaries for the earlier years of service; the differences on this account will be found under the separate heads.  
The initial salaries of Cadets have been raised from \$250 to \$275, of Police Probationers from \$325 to \$350 and of Schoolmasters from \$400 to \$425, with increments so arranged that the salaries fit again to the existing scale in the later stages.

### THE "JUNIORS"

When the publication of these concessions was recently made, much criticism was aimed at the apparent neglect of the claims of the rest of the Government servants and a Petition by the Junior Clerical Staff appeared in the local papers. The reply to that Petition was also published and in this connection I would add that reference to Appendix 2 page 104 will show that the new organisation of Junior Clerical service is estimated to cost \$726,021 in 1929 as against \$621,867 in 1928. We thus get an expenditure on this service increased by \$104,154 of which \$25,050 is due to necessary increase in numbers, \$19,565 to stipulated increments and \$42,250 to the creation of more higher grade posts so as to allow of more rapid promotion.  
I would observe that the \$42,250 for higher grade posts is in addition to \$17,000 applied to this purpose during 1928, over and above the establishment shown in the estimates for that year.  
A scheme has been drawn up to provide for further proportionate increases in the higher ranks for some years ahead. In this connection I would also refer to the fact that lodging allowances equivalent to an increase of salary of from 10% to 15% were granted in 1924 to members of this staff and that the whole scheme of salaries is open to revision by the Revision Commission.

The Senior Clerical and Accounting Staff also is connected with all departments of the Government service. An important alteration, which should make for elasticity and efficiency, has been made in this section by grouping under it all Lady Stenographers, arranged in two classes. The higher will be composed of Confidential Assistants and Stenographers on a salary of \$300-\$400 a year, and it is hoped thus to attract to the higher class candidates with English training and qualifications who are well suited to fill the confidential posts for which it is desired to recruit them.  
EXPANSION FORESHADOWED.  
It is probable that recent events in the Colony which have led to a careful review of all our financial methods may result in a recommendation for considerable expansion of the Senior Clerical and Accounting Staff to secure control in accounting and finance. The enquiries necessitated however are not yet complete and it has not been possible to enter any sum in the 1929 estimates to meet this contingency. When the recommendations are clear, the matter will be put before the Finance Committee of the Council for their consideration, with a request for supplementary supply as may be necessary.  
We pass now to the details under the separate Heads of the Estimates. The Departmental Estimates are fully annotated in the abstract of differences, but there are a number of matters to which attention should be particularly directed.

INCREASES & TRANSFERS.  
Honourable Members will notice under the Cadet Service vote, Head 2, an item of special interest to myself. Sir Cecil Clementi recommended to the Secretary of State an increase in the salary of the post of Secretary for Chinese Affairs and the Secretary of State directed that the Council should be invited to approve of a fixed salary of \$1,500 per annum for the post of Secretary for Chinese Affairs and of a personal allowance of \$200 for myself.  
Under Head 11, Post Office, it will be noticed that transfers have been made to the department from the Senior Clerical and Accounting Staff. This has been done because it is considered that the work of the Post Office is so highly specialised that the prospect of transfer of officers to and from other departments is small, and they will as far as possible be expected to look for promotion in the Post Office.

The postal Franker is an experiment with a machine which obviates the necessity for adhesive stamps and can be utilised elsewhere than in the Post Office itself. It is thought that local business houses will be glad of the opportunity of seeing how the experiment works.  
Head 13, Harbour Department—this Head shows a very large reduction of \$117,415 as against 1928. This sum is almost entirely accounted for by the special expenditure which was necessary this year. The new launch to replace the Victoria and two other new launches for the department appear in the special expenditure of this year and the expense does not of course recur.

### POLICE ESTIMATES.

Supreme Court, Head 16. Provision has been made for the restoration of the second post of Deputy Registrar, Supreme Court, and it is intended to fill the post by attaching to the Registry one of the officers appointed under the title of Assistant Crown Solicitor. These officers are appointed on the understanding that they are liable for service in any of the legal departments as the Government may from time to time decide.

The Police Estimates show a decrease as compared with 1928 of \$44,765. The fullest possible notes have been appended to this Head so that Honourable Members may be fully informed of all details. Expense is not spared to keep the Force efficient, as it must be, but it is always a matter for congratulation when a reduction in the expenditure can be secured without the necessity of having to refuse any of the requisitions of the Captain Superintendent.

### CO-ORDINATION.

Head 25, Medical Department. Much consideration has been given recently to a scheme which will bring the Medical more closely into touch with the Sanitary Department. No reduction of the duties or the responsibility of the Sanitary Department or the Sanitary Board is contemplated, the object in view being to co-ordinate these two departments more closely and to give the Sanitary Board the advantage of the experience of the Medical Department.

The alterations in the titles in the Medical Department are a first step in the direction indicated. "The Principal Civil Medical Officer" becomes "The Director of Medical and Sanitary Services" and will be responsible for the technical side of the work of the Medical Officers of Health and for the advice that they will give to the Sanitary Board. It is hoped too that this arrangement will make it possible to follow the principles on which the Colonial Office has recently laid so much stress, and to pay more attention to methods of prevention, for which the best technical advice available is necessary, and under this scheme will be made available.

### NURSING STAFF.

During the year the Government has made continued efforts to recruit a malarialogist but so far without success. It is hoped that the post may be filled in the near future.

The Nursing Staff has been considerably increased. It was found that the Nursing Sisters were not infrequently without the amount of leisure always conceded to others in less exacting professions. It is now possible to secure for the Sisters 4 days clear off duty in every month.

Head 26, Sanitary Department, shows a large increase of which the major part is accounted for by the special expenditure necessary for the better disposal of refuse. The item for exhumation under this Head is to the necessity for reopening a long closed cemetery at Cheung Sha Wan.

The activities of the Educational Department have during the last few years been widened very considerably and the increase of \$30,814 for 1929 is almost entirely due to increase in personal emoluments. An extended staff is required to keep pace with our developments and as I have already explained the initial salaries have had to be revised to attract recruits of the desired standard.

### EDUCATION.

Item 29 under Head 28 shows a large reduction. Comparatively little authorised building which might become a charge on the building grants vote is in view and it will be necessary to make it clear that grants during the year will not be considered unless full authority has been given in advance.

In connection with Education I would refer Honourable Members also to the vote on page 100, Head 34, Item 25 of Miscellaneous Services, an increased subsidy to the University. This increase is to cover a grant to the School of Chinese which it is hoped to establish, and is intended to be an annual grant for the few years that may be required before the School can be expected to become financially independent. The increase is \$32,200, and the vote has been entered after a discussion of the point with the Finance Committee.

Public Works Department, Head 29, calls for no additional comment under the Heads of Personal Emoluments and Other Charges. The fullest explanations are given in the notes.

Recurrent Public Works, Head 30, shows an increase of \$78,900. During the last few years economy has been enforced to the lowest point consistent with efficiency. We are now, it is hoped, in a position to return to the high standard normally maintained by our Public Works Department and to make good matters which it was possible to leave over for the time.

### OTHER PUBLIC WORKS.

Head 31—Public Works Extraordinary. No notes appear under this head but the details are exhaustively dealt with in the special memorandum over the signature of the Director of Public Works which has been already circulated. In attacking this difficult problem the Government was as usual faced with a very wide choice. The whole of the Extraordinary works suggested by all departments would have gone quite near to eating up the total revenue for the year. It was found possible after dealing with departmental needs to allocate approximately 3½ millions to this Head and the selection made from the very large list submitted by the departments constitutes the estimate for the coming year, on pages 81 and following under Head 31. This larger total which it is hoped to provide next year is a promising sign as compared with the totals for 1927 and 1928. The expenditure for 1927 was under \$3,000,000 and it is estimated that in 1928 it will reach \$2,271,000 only. These totals are a very great reduction on those expended on Public Works Extraordinary in the days before the depression of trade, and it may be a long time before we shall reach again times so prosperous as to enable the Colony to return to that high standard of expenditure. It is felt however that matters are sufficiently improved to justify the beginning of an attempt to make up leeway and assistance for the revenue from available surplus balances has been invoked.

In making a selection of the works to be done the Government necessarily gave first place to works already in progress. They become unavoidable commitments and they are clearly indicated in the tabular statement appearing in the Estimates.  
EXPENSIVE WORKS.  
In this category is to be included the money recommended for the extension of the Peak Wireless Station. The Council during the course of the current year has already voted large sums for the development of radio, recognising the essential nature of the development and the importance of keeping in step with the times. It was explained, at the time that the money which could be expended this year was asked for, that these further sums would be consequently necessary in 1929.

The second principle adopted in guiding Government's choice was to select a number of small works, such as bath houses and latrines, the requirements of the Sanitary Department, which are easily overlooked in times of pressure but are in fact matters of first importance. It will be noticed that the Sanitary Board and its requirements have been treated with considerable generosity in this respect.  
We were left then with a choice of a number of very large and expensive works. The Saiyungpun market has been for some years on the list of urgencies and I think there will be none to gainsay its importance. It has at last been decided definitely to undertake the work and \$200,000 out of a total estimated cost of \$400,000 has been entered for expenditure next year. If we wish to look beyond sanitary necessity for a justification of the expenditure of this large sum, it can be found in the fact that it becomes a revenue producing investment. The increase of the Police Force has resulted in an ever growing pressure on the accommodation available, and the provision of new and improved stations is a matter that has grown in urgency. It is considered that the best beginning can be made by providing a large modern Police Station on the Praya East where a sufficiently roomy site can be made readily available, for accommodation which it is hoped will do for many years to come. \$150,000 of a total estimate of \$300,000 is accordingly entered on page 81, Item 8.

### DEVELOPMENTS.

\$70,000 from 44, page 82, has been allocated to the transfer of Public Works Department Workshops to Wood-road. The present Public Works Department Workshops are all more or less of a temporary and provisional nature. With the completion of the reclamation it will be necessary in any event for these

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This week is the first of the annual Budget period in the Colony. The Government asks for about 19½ millions of dollars for public services in 1929 and for 8½ lakhs of dollars for supplementary expenditure in 1928.

There has been the unique instance of the second month with a blank Criminal Sessions calendar this year and the presentation of the pair of white gloves to the Chief Justice.

Up North, anxiety felt about the foreign communities in the Chinese war zone has been allayed—but only after the complete evacuation of all non-Chinese to a position of safety.

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# Sport Columns

## BOWLS.

### INTERESTING PROMOTION FIGHT.

#### SUGGESTED MATCH.

[By "Bias"]

The fight for promotion in the Second Division has reached a very interesting stage. At one time during the season it looked as if the Civil Service second string were going to carry all before them and make up for the delinquencies of their senior twelve. The Club de Recreio "A" however have been hanging on to their heels all through and are now serious challengers with Talkoo still in the picture. I think that the Association will have to decide to keep a Civil Service team in the first division and promote the Recreio whether they win or not. That will give us. Eight teams in either section next year and help to make things run more smoothly in the matter of re-arranging fixtures if the weather does not behave.

To-morrow's fixtures are those originally arranged for August 18 except that Craigenower are entertaining the Bowling Green at the Valley. Civil Service go over to King's Park to play Club de Recreio "B" and ought to win which will put them again in a very strong position. K.C.C. play the Yacht Club at home and this ought to provide a close game. Last Saturday the Sailors put up a very good game at Talkoo and I should not be the least surprised to see them win to-morrow.

The match that counts for most is Talkoo versus Club de Recreio "A". Talkoo are a formidable lot at home and if they lower the Recreio's Colours it will probably mean Civil Service winning the Championship. My money is on Talkoo.

An Inter-Department Competition is being held by the various Government Departments and should provide some fine games. The Police I hear are favourites and are represented by G. Hargreaves, W. Mair, R. Marks and J. Clark (skip). I hope to have details of the various teams next week.

The Interporters are back with us once more and next Saturday's dinner will speak for itself. I think that it ought to be possible for a match to be staged at one of the grounds in the afternoon of the same day between the victorious four and a home side.

A team like A. Clark, R. Bass, J. Gibson and J. Ferguson would put up a fine fight which would be watched by many of the bowling enthusiasts. It is late in the season but I think it is a match that ought to be arranged for when the fixture list is drawn up.

To-morrow's Matches.  
The programme for to-morrow is:

#### Division II.

Recreio "B" v. Civil Service C.C.  
Bowling Green v. East Point R.C.  
Kowloon C.C. v. Yacht Club.  
Talkoo R.C. v. Recreio "A".

#### LEAGUE TABLES.

The positions in the League to date are:

#### Division II.

Club	W.	D.	L.	Pts
Civil Service C.C.	14	10	1	3 21
Recreio "A"	13	10	0	3 20
Talkoo R.C.	12	9	0	3 18
Kowloon B.C.C.	14	7	1	6 15
Craigenower C.C.	14	6	0	8 12
Kowloon C.C.	13	5	1	7 11
Recreio "B"	13	4	1	8 9
East Point R.C.	15	4	0	11 8
Yacht Club	12	3	0	9 6

#### LOCAL SOCCER.

A friendly match has been arranged with the Kai Tak Aerodrome for Saturday, kick off 5 p.m. on the Kowloon Football Club ground.

## BOXING.

### GOOD PROSPECTS FOR THE SEASON.

#### ANNUAL MEETING.

A bright season is in store for boxing fans, according to the remarks of Mr. R. M. Dyer, who presided at the H. K. Boxing Association annual general meeting at Jardine's Board Room yesterday. Mr. Dyer said:

From the accounts you will notice that the balance of Income over Expenditure is \$1,090.97 which is less than last year's figures by \$1,681.49. This is chiefly due, I think, to the fact that the Theatre Royal was repaired last Season and we had to hold four of our six Tournaments at the Lee Theatre which is a long way from the centre of the town. The Lee Theatre served our needs very well however, and we are grateful to the late Mr. Lee Hsyan for the generous terms upon which he lent us that fine building. For this season we have provisionally booked the Theatre Royal for the first Saturday in each month of the Season commencing in November.

#### Prospects Bright.

We obtained four more subscriptions last season than the season before. The question of membership is always before the General Committee and it is vital to the interests of the Association that the numbers should be kept up. We look to old members to bring in new members and the Hon. Secretary will be pleased to give members proposal forms at any time. The subscription is only \$5 a year and there is no entrance fee. Membership gives a prior right to accommodation at the Tournaments.

You will see from the Report of the General Committee details of the principal contests which took place during the season and I think you will all agree that our standard of Boxing was well maintained.

As to the coming season the prospects are indeed bright. With such talent as Leading Stoker Mann, Able Seaman Creighton, Corporal Duncan, Able Seaman Erwin and many others whose names are well known in fistic circles, we have the makings of many fine contests. I hope any boxers in the Army or the Royal Air Force who would like to take part in our Tournaments will get into communication with our Manager, Mr. Brook, c/o The Vacuum Oil Co., who may be relied upon to find suitable opponents for them. The remark applies equally to the Police and Civilian as the Association is intended to organise contests between boxers drawn from any walk of life.

#### Morris' Benefit.

We hope to stage a benefit Tournament for the dependants of Stoker Morris who died over a year ago and who fought many fine fights at our Tournaments. I trust that tournament will receive large support.

The following officials were elected:—  
Mr. R. M. Dyer (Chairman), Mr. J. Scott Harston (Vice Chairman), Messrs. S. J. Clarke, W. Logan, C. Bond, W. Ward, H. G. Sheldon (General Committee), Mr. A. Murdoch (Official Referee), Mr. J. Brook (Manager), Mr. T. G. Bennett (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer), Mr. J. Fleming (Hon. Auditor).

The question was raised as to the proposed benefit for Stoker Morris and on the vote of the meeting it was decided to refer this matter to the committee.

#### CRICKET.

The following will represent the Volunteers against the I.R.C. at Sookumpoo on Saturday at 2 p.m.:—  
E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.), H. Owen Hughes, A. W. Hayward, C. D. Wales, C. R. West, J. L. Bonnar, G. A. L. Plummer, O. E. C. Marton, H. L. F. Ewin, G. P. Lammer, D. A. Rushton.

A Shanghai Interport cricket team has left for Hankow.

## VOLUNTEER SPORTS.

### K.C.C. FIXED AS VENUE.

ON OCTOBER 18.

Arrangements are well forward in connection with the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps annual sports meeting which will take place on the grounds of the Kowloon Cricket Club on Saturday, October 18. As previously stated, a General Committee and Sub-Committees have been elected and a generous programme arranged.

Events open to H. M. Forces and Hong Kong Police include a relay race, a mile race and a tug-of-war. Points will also count in the competition for the Inter-Unit Challenge Cup for the following events: 100 yards, 440 yards, 880 yards, High Jump, Putting the Shot, Relay Race (440 yards, 200 yards, 220 yards and 440 yards 4 men per unit), and Inter-Unit Tug-of-war.

A sack race (50 yards) will also take place for non-placed runners. Heats for Corps Tug-of-war and High Jump will take place at Corps Headquarters on Tuesday, October 9, at 5.30 p.m.; if wet, on Thursday, October 11, at 5.30 p.m.

Mrs. Southern has kindly consented to distribute the prizes. Entries (one collective Company entry) are to be sent to Lieut. A. Mackenzie, c/o Chartered Bank, on or before noon on Saturday, Sept. 29.

The Band of 3rd/15th Bn. Punjab Regiments will play selections during the afternoon.

## INTERPORT GOLF.

### OR ONLY A CLUB AFFAIR?

The following letter appears in the "North China Daily News":—  
Sir,—In many articles dealing with golf published recently you refer to the forthcoming match, Shanghai Golf Club and Royal Hong Kong Golf Club, as an Interport match.

It is not an Interport match but is purely an interclub match.

I believe that in all other games played in Shanghai where Shanghai teams visit outports or vice versa, those games are interport because "Interport" conveys the impression that the whole port is concerned with the game. In these golf matches with Hong Kong R.H.K.G.C. the team is chosen only from the Shanghai Golf Club.

I am, etc.,  
A. L. O. T.

Shanghai, Sept. 18, 1928.

## GOLF.

### STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY.

9.24 a.m.	F. A. Merry, H. Spicer.
9.28	W. Kent, L. H. C. Calthrop.
9.32	J. K. Shaw, J. H. Raikes.
9.36	A. Leach, N. K. Littlejohn.
9.40	E. D. Lawrence, E. D. Black.
9.44	S. J. H. Fox, F. H. Swayne.
9.48	M. D. Scott, W. Beveridge.
9.52	A. H. Ferguson, J. S. McEachran.
9.56	J. A. Bloomfield, J. W. Parsons.
10.00	E. P. Fletcher, K. L. Dugan.
10.04	A. B. Purves, A. E. Lissaman.
10.08	W. M. Lyons, Major Beamish.

In the September competition for the Adamson Cup, played at Happy Valley, R. Wallace qualified with a score of 83—8—75. E. Moore returned a card of 95—16—80.

## TEST CRICKETERS.

### FINE SEND-OFF FROM VICTORIA.

London, Yesterday.  
With three hearty cheers and a special one for Hobbs, from those who had assembled in hundreds, the main body of the Marylebone cricketers left for Australia from Victoria Station to join the Otranto at Marseilles.—Reuter.

## BILLIARDS.

### ARMY AND NAVY AT STONECUTTERS.

WIN FOR THE NAVY.

The C.P.O. Club entertained the R. A. billiard team from Stonecutters last evening, the latter winning by 170 points.

The scores were:—  
C.P.O. R.A.  
Silburn 61 Leach 100  
Figg 62 Ribbands 100  
Hamlyn 92 Grimes 100  
Yeo 99 Alvey 100  
Rotherford 46 Scouler 100  
Cutler 71 Glazebrook 100  
Totals 430 600

The annual general meeting of members of the Kowloon Cricket Club will be held in the Club House on Friday, September 28, at 5.30 p.m.

## 1929 BUDGET.

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workshops to move elsewhere as the area on which they stand is partly required for roads and is partly privately owned ground. Wood-road at the foot of Morrison Hill provides a satisfactory site for a permanent store. A part of it is already available and building can proceed. It is unfortunately not possible to give any reasonably precise estimate of the total cost of the completed store as considerable site formation is still required and a level of considerable area has to be reduced several feet through rock. The expenditure of the \$70,000 will involve a commitment in following years for the continuation of the work but the Director of Public Works informs me that while it is impossible as yet to be accurate, the total cost of the store should not exceed 2 lakhs.

The expenditure of \$75,000 for the resumption of the work connected with item 27, on page 81—the Tai Hang-road, may be taken as evidence that the Government believes it is now in a position to attempt to return to the conditions of some years ago and to carry out the development arrangements which were then contemplated, but have had to perform to be left in abeyance.

### NEW MAINS.

On the Hong Kong side, three other items call for special remark. The work of laying larger principal mains in the City which will incidentally enable a larger supply of water to be passed to the west end from our main reservoirs is being continued with all possible expedition, item 58, page 83, and arrangements for more economical distribution are in contemplation under item 57, the installation of hydraulic turbines and pump at Bowen-road Filter Beds. Similarly the claims of the North Point and Shaukiwan district have been considered in the provision of \$50,000 out of a total of \$100,000 required to complete the Balance Tanks at North Point.

On the Kowloon side, item No. 69 Hung Hom new Government Store, \$50,000 out of a total required, of \$100,000 marks the beginning of a better organisation of Government Stores in general. It is hoped to concentrate all Government stores at this centre, and by improved organisation to make possible an economy which will in time more than justify the expense of the Store itself.

CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUNDS.  
\$60,000 item 72, has been allocated for the much needed Maternity block of the Kowloon Hospital and \$30,000 for children's Playgrounds: item 73.

In New Kowloon, market extensions hold a prominent place, Shaukiwan, Kowloon City and Kowloon Tong all receiving an allocation: items 95, 101 and 102.

Item 104, Married quarters, Lai-chikok Prison has become a matter of necessity as the provision of a new central Gaol is a matter which must wait at least some years yet, and Lai-chikok therefore loses some of its temporary nature. The Gaol authorities are finding that their proportion of unmarried warders is growing less and in the absence of married quarters at Lai-chikok the

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On demand ..... 182 1/2  
On Singapore—  
On demand ..... 85 1/2  
On Manila—  
On demand ..... 96 1/2  
On Shanghai—  
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Silver (per oz.) ..... 26 1/4  
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Brussels	34.90
Geneva	25.20
Amsterdam	12.09 1/2
Milan	92.75
Berlin	20.35
Stockholm	18.13
Copenhagen	18.19
Oslo	18.19
Vienna	84.44 1/2
Prague	163 1/2
Helsingfors	192 1/2
Madrid	29.37 1/2
Lisbon	107 1/2
Athens	87 1/2
Bucharest	79 1/2
Rio	5 29/32
Buenos Aires	47 11/32
Bombay	1/5 31/32
Shanghai	2/7 1/8
Hong Kong	2
Yokohama	1/10 21/32
Silver Spot	26 1/4
Silver Forward	26 1/4

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difficulties of transfers when choice is limited to a comparatively few remaining unmarried warders, have made it necessary for the Government to come to the assistance of the department. These quarters at Lai-chikok will take the place of some of the outside accommodation in Hong Kong which it has become necessary to rent to make good the shortage in Government married quarters.

Item 124 page 85, Kowloon Tse resumption is necessitated, as a consequence of the works already done by the Government in this vicinity. The natural water courses have been altered to such an extent that Kowloon Tse is in danger of being uninhabitable during a period of heavy rain and resumption has become necessary. Continued work on the important development areas of Kowloon has been provided for and I would draw particular attention to item No. 128, the filling in of areas North West of Nam Chang-street, which is a much needed sanitary improvement.

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# WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES.

## Guns Traced to Him.



"Scarface" Al Capone, Chicago racketeer to whom the guns used in the gang killing of Frank Uale, or Yale, are alleged to have been traced by police. The "big shot" of Chicago's underworld meanwhile stays in seclusion in his Florida home.

## Farmers' Advocate.



George N. Peek, advocate of the McNary-Hugen bill as he appeared recently at a conference with Governor Alfred E. Smith in New York city. He is chairman of the committee of 22 of the North Central Agricultural Conference.

## May Succeed Smith.



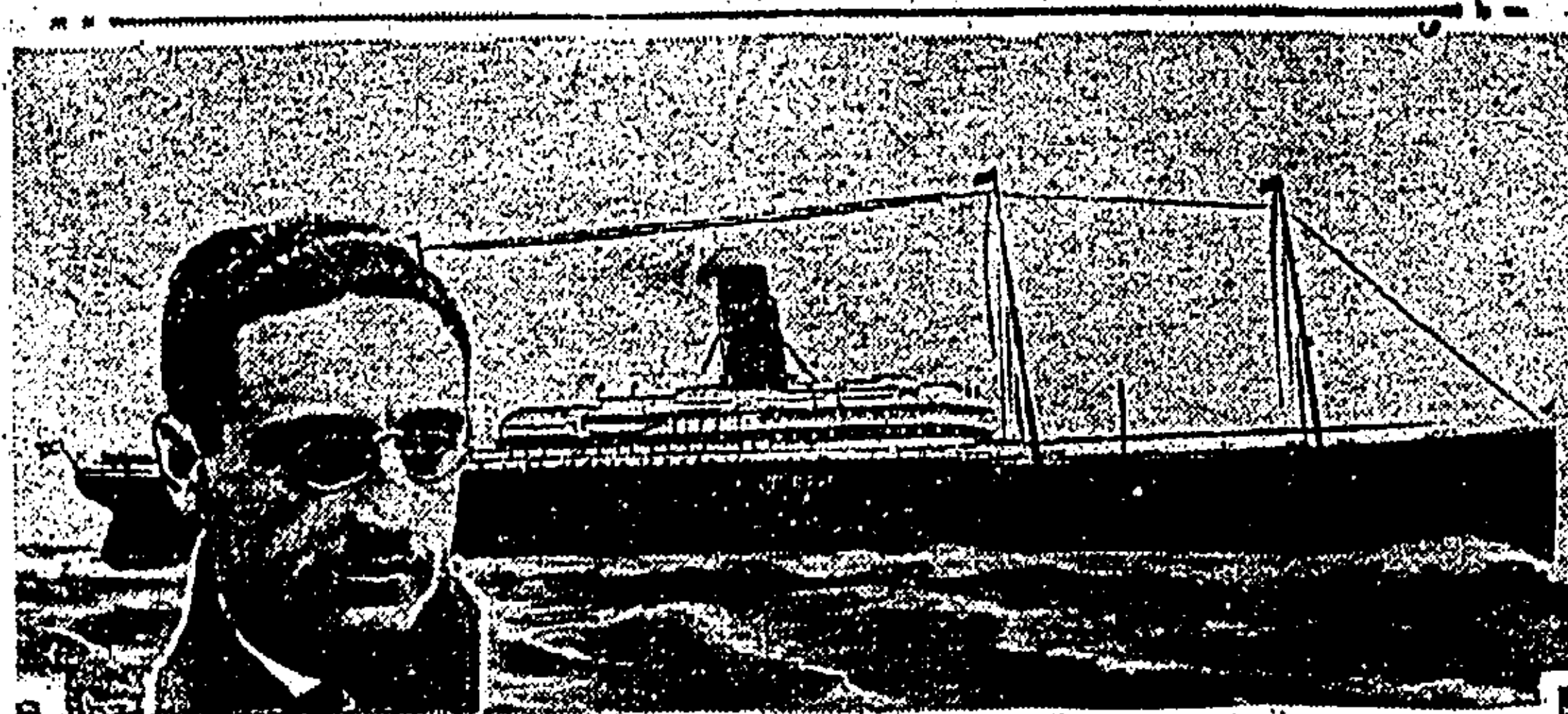
Owen D. Young, head of the General Electric Co., who, it is confidently predicted, will be "drafted" to succeed Governor Alfred E. Smith as Democracy's leader in New York. The presidential nominee, however, has refused either to affirm or deny the report that he wishes thus to bolster the party's national and state tickets.

## Senator-Elect.



Senator-elect William B. Vard of Pennsylvania.

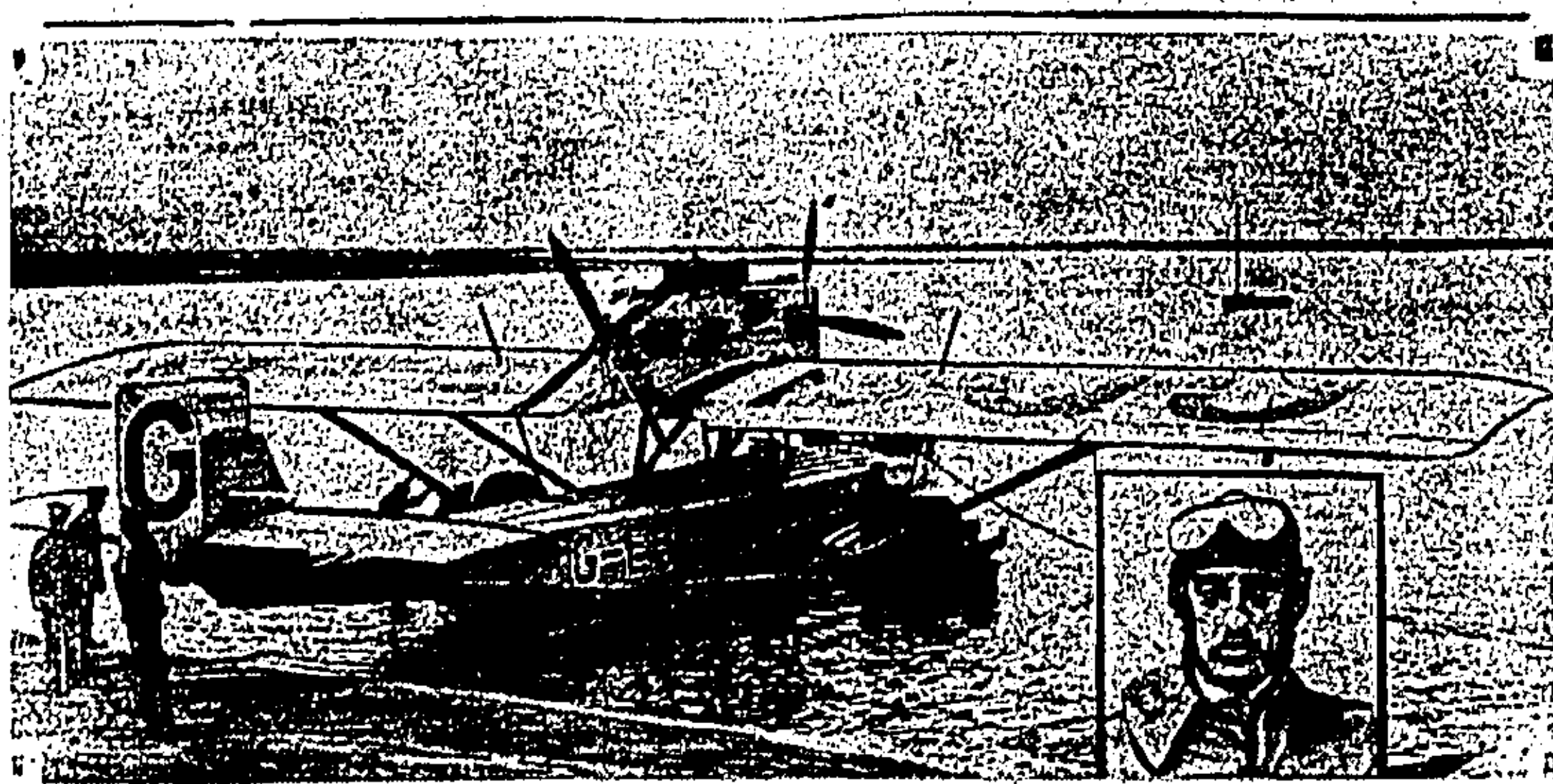
## Rescued From Atlantic's Clutches.



Captain Frank T. Courtney, inset, and his three companions, were forced down in mid-Atlantic while flying from the Azores to Newfoundland, and were picked up after a long

search by the S. S. Minnewaska. Their giant seaplane was drifting helplessly and but for their being in the steamship paths they would have been lost.

## Forced Down Off Azores.



After weeks of bad weather at Horta, Azores, Captain Frank T. Courtney (inset), English aviator, lifted his Dornier-Napier flying boat off the surface of the harbor and headed for Newfoundland. But misfortune again overtook him,

the big seaplane being forced down 500 miles at sea. Wireless dispatches state the crew is not in danger. His flight started from Lisbon, Portugal.

## Assassin Tells His Story.



Jose de Leon Toral (second from left) is shown talking to reporters in Mexico City in the first interview permitted by authorities following his assassination of President-elect Alvaro

Obregon. Inset, Concepcion Acevedo, nun whom Toral claims inspired him to commit the crime.

## Knights Are Bold—In Carcassonne.



Knights still compete in the lists for their "ladies' fair"—if you don't believe it, just glance at the above. It shows jousting which took place in ancient Carcassonne on the eve

of the town's two-thousandth anniversary. Historians say the high-walled fortified city was founded by the Visigoths in the days of the Crusades.

## May Succeed Calles.



Aaron Saenz, governor of the state of Nuevo Leon and Obregonista chieftain, who has been looked upon as the logical successor to President P. Elias Calles of Mexico.

## War Ace Killed.



When his plane crashed at Providence, R. I., during an air meet, Clifton Thompson, a Lafayette Escadrille ace, was burned to death before the eyes of his bride of a few months.

## Fights "Dry" Law.



Charles H. Sabin, chairman of the board of Guaranty Trust Co., who has accepted appointment as treasurer of the Association against the Prohibition Amendment. The banker announced he was "in the fight to the bitter end."

## Winner of Air Tour.



John P. Wood, intrepid pilot, who nabbed first in plane race in the 1928 National Air Tour, which took place in planes all over the United States in a campaign to popularize aviation.

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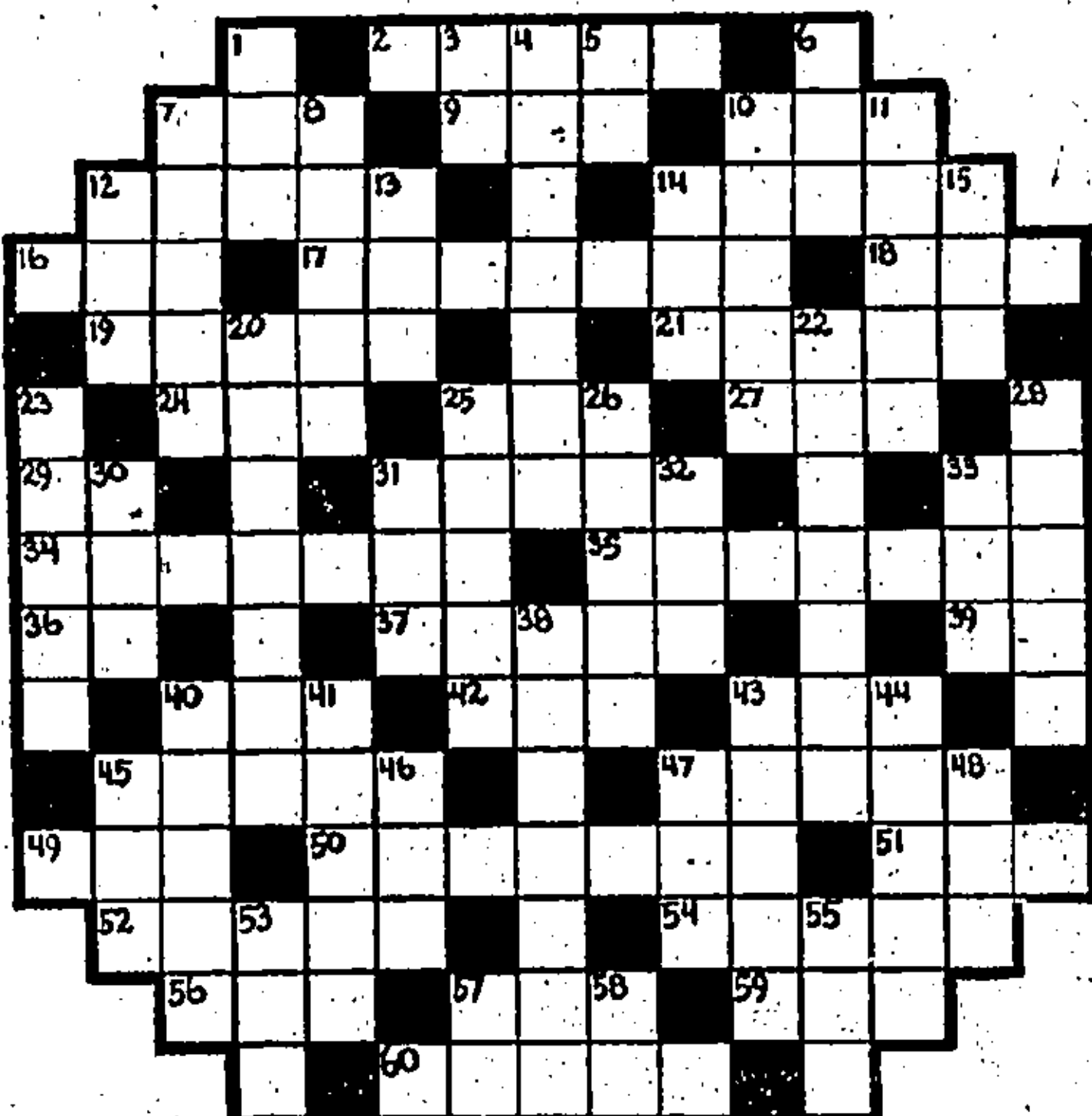
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### DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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#### HORIZONTAL

- 2-Mad
- 7-The rumen
- 9-Religious person
- 10-Boy
- 12-Sports
- 14-Part of dress
- 16-A kind of sweet potato
- 17-To batter
- 18-To strangle
- 19-To send in return
- 21-Part of a boat
- 24-A great deal
- 25-Bill
- 27-Rodent
- 29-Like
- 31-Brainless person
- 32-Prefix meaning "two"
- 34-Evened
- 35-Part of
- 36-Prefix, Off
- 37-Lukewarm
- 39-Negative answer
- 40-Spun by a spider
- 42-A resinous substance
- 43-Container for bricks
- 45-A hard marine growth

#### HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 47-Large country
- 48-A dwelling
- 49-Also
- 50-Told
- 51-Coloring matter
- 52-Station
- 54-A "v" shaped place of wood
- 56-Dull brown color
- 57-Very small
- 59-Look
- 60-A vista or expanse

#### VERTICAL

- 1-To present in brief
- 2-An article
- 4-A clumsy person
- 5-A proposition
- 6-To bar
- 7-Desert animal
- 8-Something owed
- 10-Pertaining to the moon
- 11-A key, as in a piano
- 12-A fish
- 13-A week-day (abbr.)
- 14-Spasmodic twitching of the muscles
- 15-Country of N.
- 16-Country of N.

#### VERTICAL (Cont.)

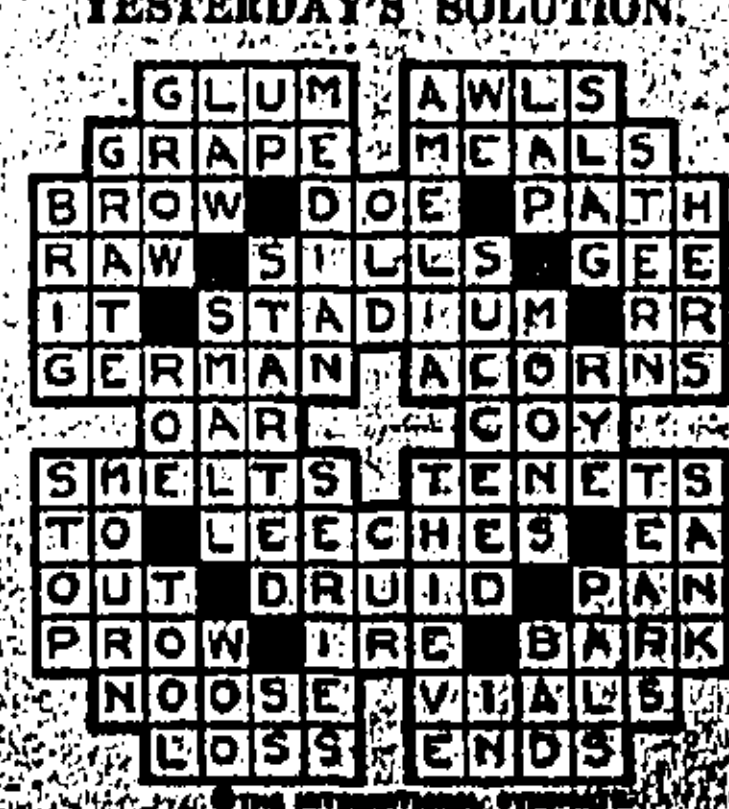
- 20-One who models
- 22-Port projection having two faces
- 23-Section of Great Britain
- 25-Sound made by Swiss mountaineers
- 26-Subject
- 28-Small part of
- 30-Gender
- 31-Came in contact with
- 32-To bow the head
- 33-To put on
- 35-Protended remedy for all diseases
- 40-Courted
- 41-Title of nobility
- 42-Hell
- 44-To evade
- 46-A fish
- 47-Ory of a cat
- 48-A grain
- 50-Play on words
- 51-Measure
- 57-Pronoun
- 58-Prefix. From

#### SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES

Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

#### YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



#### HONG KONG HEIGHTS

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Mac. Davis	877
Bowen Road (Hatched)	597
Tai Mo Shan	5124
Mainland	
Kowloon Peak	1971

### 1929 BUDGET.

(Continued from Page 9.)

#### OBVIOUS OMISSIONS.

Before passing to the more obvious omissions that will be noticed in the list of Public Works Extraordinary proposed, it is right to draw attention to an item of expenditure which though not before us this year will inevitably be necessitated in the near future even if it has not to be included in the Budget for 1930. Government Office accommodation has become unduly cramped, and the erection of new buildings (probably on the Beaconfield Arcade site) has become a matter requiring early and anxious attention. It may sound strange that a demand of this nature should be put forward so soon after the completion of the large new offices on the Harbour front, and while the extension of the Colonial Secretary's Office building is actually in hand. The extension of the Colonial Secretary's Office was however long overdue and the accommodation provided in Connaught-road did little more than replace accommodation elsewhere. Meanwhile, the demands of the Post Office grow daily and it can safely be anticipated that radio will take a very important place in the life of the Colony almost at once, and accommodation will have to be found for the working of a largely increased staff. All this in addition to normal increase of Government work during the last 30 years, with which accommodation has hardly kept pace. Even now the Government is paying \$34,196 a year for rent of office quarters and as further accommodation becomes essential, it is obvious that building will have to be undertaken.

A new Government Civil Hospital and a new Gaol are also expenditure which has been under consideration and which must surely be faced in the near future. On matters of such large importance the most careful consideration of all the circumstances is clearly required before any scheme is accepted which can be put before the Council with a request for the approval of expenditure. Both these improvements to the Service of the Colony are under consideration and expenditure for beginning the Government Civil Hospital at least will I expect be asked for in the estimates for 1930.

#### RAILWAY, VOLUNTEERS.

Little need be said on Head 32, Kowloon-Canton Railway. We are doing everything that is possible to assist the Canton section and to ensure safe and continuous through running of trains, and further we undertake considerable work in the way of keeping the rolling stock of the Canton section. This work is paid for and we receive hire for the loan of such engines as are used to draw trains on through runs. The running expenses in general promise to be met by the returns.

Head 33—Volunteer Corps. The Government is anxious to encourage the Corps in every way and evidence of this is to be seen in the votes put before you. Facilities are given for training selected Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers in England. Largely increased allowances are made for ammunition and a vote is entered for the purpose of encouraging the Volunteer Band which has been so successfully started. Special expenditure provides material which should make the Volunteers a Force to be reckoned with in any emergency.

Under Head 35 is entered a vote of \$4,800 for the St. Louis Industrial Institution which is doing excellent work and may lead the way to filling a long felt need in the Colony by giving instruction and education to boys who might otherwise find themselves among the ranks of the criminals.

Finally it will be noted that under Head 36 allowance is made for interest and sinking fund for the whole \$5,000,000 loan authorised by the Legislature. It will be remembered that \$3,000,000 only has so far been floated.

#### COMPARES WELL.

The Budget as framed and now put before you represents therefore an expenditure of \$24,799,650 with a possible call on liquid reserves of \$2,521,050 and a reserve balance of \$2,056,860, a position which compares well with the position as forecasted when the Budget for 1928 was introduced and when the figure for expenditure was \$22,183,045, involving an anticipated drain of \$2,079,655 on our surpluses, and a liquid reserve balance of only some \$500,000.

This is no time for extravagance and every item of expenditure has been carefully reviewed, but neither is it the time for pessimistic economy. Trade as a whole is far from good but the horizon is not as dark as it was a year ago. The tide of Civil War has rolled northward and it may be that the War Fever will wear itself out without again showing South of the Yangtze. It is earnestly to be hoped that that will be the case and signs are not wanting in Kwangtung of a feeling that some other occupation than War must be taken up if the prosperity of the country is not to be entirely destroyed. A serious and effective effort is being made to deal with the pirates in Bias Bay and in the West River. In this connection reference to Head 34 sub head 5 will show a reduction in the cost of armed launches for the West River Patrol; and it is hoped that conditions have so far improved as to make it unnecessary to extend the charter of these launches beyond the Spring of 1929. The effort to suppress brigandage is not limited to the waterways but is reflected in the much improved conditions throughout the neighbouring provinces. Kwangsi is going ahead fast with road construction; and perhaps more than all it would appear that the Southern Government has at last realised the necessity of

asking advice from the merchants, whose voice has for so long been quite unheard. Whether the advice will or will not be taken remains to be seen! I put the point as a promising sign of the better times to which we are justified in looking forward.

#### LOOKING AHEAD.

Poor trade has resulted in much capital being idle and unemployed and finding its way to Hong Kong. The openings that are taken here result in a definite advantage to our revenue and though we would be better pleased to see the money used in trade with China on the old lines, it remains that the Government is in a position to carry on the work of the extension of the Colony almost as in our best days. The optimism you confessed to last year, Sir, when you introduced a Budget with a deficit, has been justified, and I think we are still justified in introducing a second Budget of the same nature, but involving even an increased expenditure, with the same optimism: for there is a firm and general confidence in the future prosperity of the Colony, a confidence with but a poor foundation if it does not rest on the belief that the fostering of industry and commerce must within a measurable distance of time assume its due prominence in the programme of those who direct China's destinies.

The Colonial Secretary then moved the first reading of "An Ordinance to apply a sum not exceeding \$19,478,964 to the Public Service of the year 1929." The Colonial Treasurer (the Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messer, O.B.E.) seconded and the bill passed its first reading.

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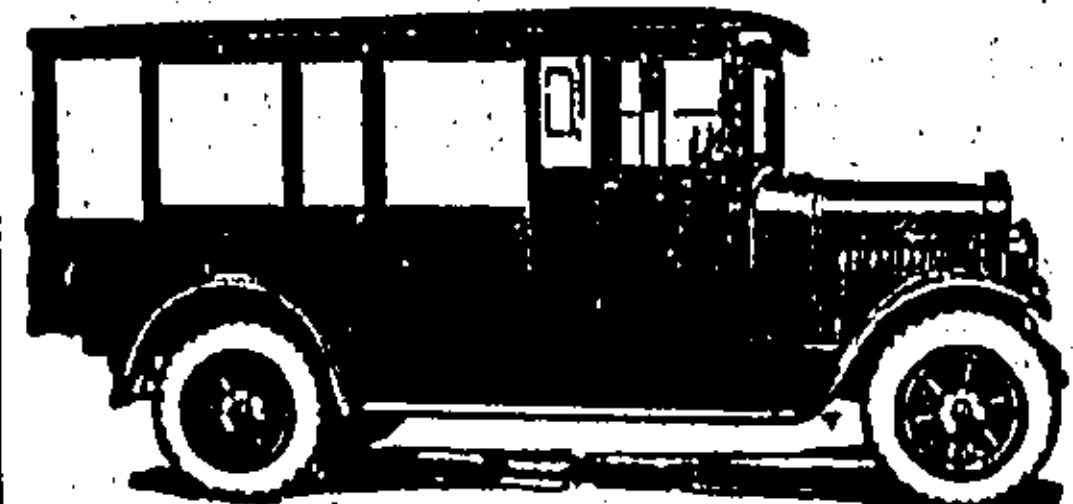
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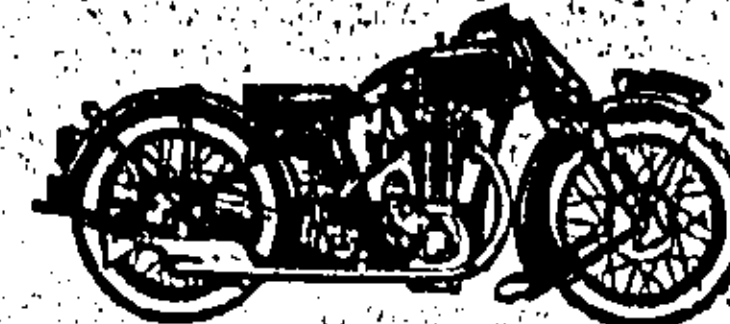


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### JAPAN'S COTTON INDUSTRY.

23 % CURTAILMENT.

DECISION AFFECTING LATE  
NIGHT WORK.

WORKING OF MACHINERY.

Shanghai, To-day.

A telegram from Osaka states that the committee of the Japan Cotton Spinners' Association has decided for the present upon a 23 per cent. curtailment of the production of yarn which will be continued till July next, when the abolition of the midnight shift will make it unnecessary to resort to further organised curtailment. Any of the mills abolishing the midnight shift before April will be permitted to work their machinery to full capacity without any artificial restrictions, thus every encouragement is being given for discontinuing work till late at night.

The decision of the committee will be immediately communicated to all members and it is believed that it will be accepted without hesitation.—Reuter.

### NEW GOVERNMENT.

HOW IT IS TAKING SHAPE  
AT NANKING.

CHIANG KAI-SHEK AS HEAD.

Nanking, Yesterday.

The Nationalist Government authorities have completed the drafting of the regulations governing the power and activities of the five new Boards, the inauguration of which marks the beginning of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen's political training period.

It is indicated that the chairman of the new Administrative Board will have powers equivalent to those of a Chief Executive, he being concurrently Chairman of the Central Executive Committee of the Nationalist Party and also empowered to act as official representative of the Nationalist Government in dealings with foreign powers, while the chairmen of the five Boards will be ex-officio members of the Central Executive Committee.—Reuter.

#### Portfolios.

Shanghai, Yesterday.

The "Kuo Min" news agency publishes an announcement from Nanking stating that it is understood that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek will be appointed Director of the Administrative Council, with Feng Yu-shiang (the "Christian General") as Vice-Director, while Mr. Hu Han-min will assume the Directorship of the Legislative Council, with Mr. Tai Chi-tao as assistant.

Mr. Tsai Yuan-pai and Marshal Li Chai-sum will be Director and Vice-Director, respectively, of the Supervisory Council, Dr. Wang Chung-hui, Director of the Judicial Council, and General Tan Yen-kai Director of the Examination Council.—Reuter.

#### Leftist's Name.

Nanking, Later.

The generally expected formal announcement of appointments to the five new Boards is to be made at to-day's meeting of the Central Executive Committee but, although the Committee men turned out in full force, no decision of importance was made.

It is rumoured there is dissatisfaction in certain circles at the non-inclusion of Mr. Wang Ching-wai (the Leftist's name) but General Li Lieh-chun points out that appointments cannot be made until the new regulations are approved.—Reuter.

### EGYPT'S TEACHERS.

TWO YEARS' INCREASE OF  
CONTRACTS.

Cairo.—It is understood that the Minister of Education is recommending five-year instead of three-year contracts for European teachers. The Minister hopes that five years hence members of the Governmental Missions sent abroad to study the various branches of science may possibly be able to replace the European professors, but for the moment Egyptians are unable satisfactorily to lecture in European languages.

### UNREST IN TEXTILE INDUSTRY.

40,000 POLES.

7,000 FRENCH WORKERS' AND  
THEIR WAGES.

IN THE LILLE DISTRICT.

Warsaw, Yesterday.

Forty thousand textile workers have struck as a protest against the new system of fines.

Paris, Yesterday.  
Practically all of the 7,000 textile workers at Halluin have struck and have demanded an increase in wages.

It is feared the movement will spread to the whole of the Lille district.—Reuter.

### WAR NEWS.

MANCHURIANS' HEAVY  
LOSSES.

NATIONALISTS' CLAIMS.

Shanghai, Yesterday.

Reports from the fighting area show that both the Manchurian and the Northern forces suffered heavy losses on Sept. 15 and 16.

Forty-five cars laden with Manchurian wounded passed through Chinwahgtao on Sept. 17.

It transpires that the Northern forces failed even to capture Changli.

General Pei Chung-hsi of the Nationalist Army went to Lan-

### FRESH MONSOON.

N.E. winds, fresh, fair, is the official forecast until noon to-morrow.

An anticyclone is central over S.E. Mongolia.

A depression is central to the east of the Philippines.

A fresh monsoon may be expected along the coast of China and over the northern portion of the North China.

hsien on Sept. 19 where he met General Chang Tsung-chang (Northern Army) and General Yang Yu-ling (of Manchuria) in conference, presumably in connection with the surrender of the Northern remnants.

#### Kuo Min Report.

A war report issued by the Kuo Min news agency, with a Tientsin date line, asserts that vigorous joint attacks by the Manchurian expeditionary forces have reduced the remnants of the Northern forces between Luan-chow and Anshan to submission.

A despatch from General Pei Chung-hsi's headquarters states that the active resistance of the Northerners is over. The central route army of the Nationalist expedition is advancing along the Peking-Mukden Railway and has joined with the Manchurian forces near the right bank of the Luan river. They are jointly pushing the offensive against the Northerners in the neighbourhood of Changli.

#### On Three Routes.

Meanwhile, to clean up the Northern troops scattered in various districts, the Manchurians are conducting a campaign along three separate routes. The 20th and 16th armies are advancing along the Peking-Mukden Railway with Changli as their objective, the 11th army is forming the right wing, the 8th forming the left, with headquarters at Peitaiho. All are advancing simultaneously and are expected to converge on the east bank of the Luan river.

The despatch states that General Chang Tsung-chang has been repudiated by his subordinates. General Chu Yu-pu is still with the Northerners near Changli and is negotiating with the Nationalists for his surrender. He is reported to have span General Yang Yu-ling at Anshan concerning the disposal of his troops.—Reuter.

### FINANCE MINISTRY.

Shanghai, To-day.  
Chinese bankers are pressing for the appointment of Mr. Chen Hsin-chih as the Finance Minister but Party leaders favour Mr. Sun Fo.—Reuter.

### THE DESPATCHING OF CODE WIRES.

NEW CATEGORIES.

WHAT THE CONFERENCE  
PROPOSES.

LETTERS AND VOWELS.

Brussels, Yesterday.

The International Telegraphic Conference has agreed by 46 to 4 votes that code telegrams will be divided into two categories, namely, those containing words of not more than ten letters, secondly, words of not more than five letters. The words in the first category must contain a vowel, if of five letters, two vowels, if of 6, 7 or 8 letters and three vowels, if of 9 or 10 letters. There are no conditions with regard to the second category. In the first category the telegrams will be charged the full ordinary rate; the second category, two-thirds of the ordinary rate.—Reuter.

### THE HURRICANE.

THE RED CROSS NOW  
AT WORK.

FURTHER BRITISH REPORT.

Washington, Yesterday.  
The desperate plight of the sufferers of the hurricane in Florida is portrayed in the report from the headquarters of the Red Cross, which mentions the appalling sanitary conditions along Lake Okeechobee. Bodies, mostly of negroes, continue to rise to the surface and are piled up awaiting for transport to higher ground, where they will have to be buried without identification. Hundreds of homeless negroes at Pahokee are reported to have rioted in protest of the cremation of bodies.

#### Revised Death Roll.

West Palm Beach, Yesterday.  
The Florida Chairman of the Red Cross estimated the death-roll as between 700 and 800.—Reuter's American Service.

#### The British Losses.

London, Yesterday.  
A further report of the havoc done by the West Indies' hurricane was received by the Colonial Office to-day in a telegram from the Officer Administering the Government of Jamaica.

It states that the Commissioner of Turks and Caicos Islands reports that the first news received from Cockburn Harbour, Turks Island, indicates that the hurricane damage is serious. Seventeen lives were lost including those of 8 married men.

There is no news from Caicos Islands yet.

Replies were received to-day from the Governors of the Leeward Islands and Bahamas expressing the grateful thanks of the sufferers to whom the King sent messages of sympathy when the first news of disaster was received.

The Governor of Leeward Island, in a telegram thanking the Colonial Secretary for his telegram of sympathy, adds: "Although the damage, as reported in my telegram, is very serious and many are homeless, relief work is well in hand and cases of immediate distress are being dealt with and assistance rendered as far as possible."—British Wireless Service.

Nassau, Yesterday.  
The estimates of hurricane havoc in the Bahamas shows that \$200,000 worth of damage has been done in Providence Island alone. Public services in Nassau City have been restored.

Many sponge-fishers' boats are unaccounted for, but it is believed that they have sheltered among the outer islands. A three-masted schooner which was torn from its anchorage was found bottom up six miles out.—Reuter's American Service.

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Panama, Yesterday.  
Sir Austen Chamberlain, interviewed on board the "Oreona" declared that his health was "almost miraculously improved." He declined to discuss politics.—Reuter.

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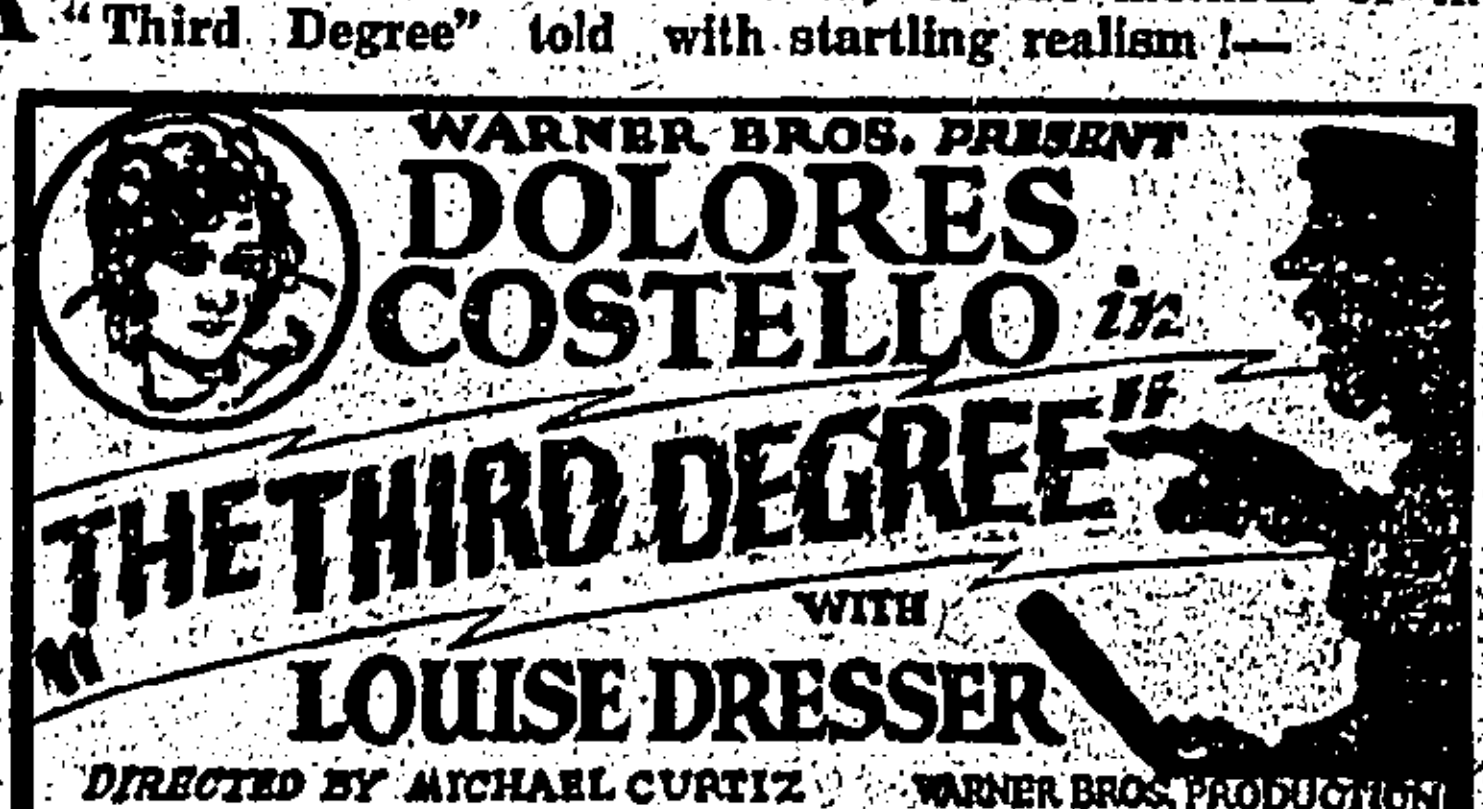
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